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# SURFACE TREATMENT OF TOPSOIL ROADS

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE EXPERIMENTS BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS AND THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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LOCAL considerations of traffic and of economic necessity make it certain that relatively low-cost road types, constructed of local materials, will long continue to constitute a large proportion of our highway system. In some sections sand-clay and sand-clay-gravel surfaces predominate. Where conditions are favorable to these types they are entirely satisfactory, but there is a considerable mileage which is kept in a satisfactory condition only by constant and painstaking maintenance at considerable cost. Such road surfaces are extremely dusty when dry and frequently repair and reconstruction costs amount to large totals.

Topsoil roads have been built extensively in the South, where, in many sections, suitable surfacing material occurs as the thin upper layer of the soil, particularly on hills and knolls. The material contains a preponderance of small gravel particles from which a considerable portion of the original clay content has been removed by natural processes assisted by cultivation.

Naturally, all native deposits are not equally suitable for road building. The characteristics and amount of the clay as well as the gradation of the coarser particles influence the behavior of the material as a road surface. Highly plastic clay is not desirable in as large a quantity as where it is of a low degree of plasticity. An excessive amount of clay, while bonding well in dry seasons, is likely to cause muddiness and rutting during continued wet weather. A deficiency of clay, if not too marked, may prove satisfactory at the time of rains, but is apt to result in raveling when moisture is lacking. Methods for the determination of the quality of clays are not yet fully developed, but tests are available by means of which their properties may be estimated and compared.

Considerable research is being conducted to develop methods of eliminating dust and materially reduce maintenance costs on sand-clay or topsoil road surfaces. Experiments generally involve the use of bituminous materials for the purpose of reinforcing the existing surface either by impregnation or by the addition of a thin surface layer of greater resistance to the destructive agencies of nature and traffic.

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPERIMENTS<sup>1</sup>

In 1924 the State highway department of South Carolina applied a surface treatment to a 7-mile section of the topsoil road between Spartanburg and Inman. A priming coat of light refined tar was first applied at the rate of one-fourth gallon per square yard followed by one-third gallon per square yard of either tar or asphalt applied hot. Crushed stone, one-fourth to 1¼ inches in size, was spread over the surface at a rate of about 50 pounds per square yard and the operation was completed by rolling.

<sup>1</sup> See Surface Treatment of Roads—Hot Application Method, by N. S. Anderson, maintenance engineer, South Carolina Highway Department, Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Asphalt Paving Conference.

## COOPERATIVE EXPERIMENTS UNDERTAKEN

The State work yielded such promising results that further experiments of this general nature were undertaken during 1925 by the South Carolina State highway department in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Public Roads.

A 7-mile section of Route 15 in Anderson County, beginning west of the city of Anderson, at the end of the bituminous pavement and extending west approximately 7 miles, was selected for a service test of six experimental sections. Details of these sections are shown in Table 1. Five other experimental sections were located in Spartanburg County on Route 19, beginning at the south city limits of Inman and extending north on the Spartanburg-Tryon highway to the State line. These five sections aggregated approximately 8 miles in length and were designed as shown in Table 2.



A DOUBLE SURFACE TREATMENT AFTER TWO YEARS SERVICE

Several methods of construction were adopted and a number of very different bituminous materials specified in order that the maximum amount of information might be derived with respect to their behavior when applied to road surfaces varying in composition and texture. In selecting mineral cover material, it was decided to use natural topsoil in comparison with local river sand on some of the sections.

## PROPERTIES OF TOPSOIL STUDIED

Before the construction of these experiments was started, a survey was made of the condition of the topsoil surface of the roads selected. Samples of the material were taken from the surface and subgrade at intervals. The results of laboratory tests on these samples are given in Table 3.

A wide variation in the condition of the different sections was noted in the survey. The surface was smooth and well bonded on a major portion of each, but in some places it was loose and in others rough and potholed.

On experimental section 6, from station 280+00 to 320+00, scaling and crumbling was prevalent. The material in this location contained a large amount of

TABLE 1.—Details of construction and re-treatments of experimental sections on Route 15, all sections 20 feet in width

| Section and station      | Type and depth         | Bituminous material  |   | Covering  |          |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--|---|---|----------|
|                          |                        | Character  | Gallons per square yard                   |   |          |
| Sec. 1. 0+00 to 15+84    | Mixed, 2 inches        | Tar, 8 to 13 specific viscosity at 40° C   | 1.5                                       | None.<br>{Topsoil, 34+32 to 85+00; sand, 85+00 to 108+24.<br>{Topsoil, 134+00 to 161+04; sand, 108+24 to 134+00.<br>{Sand, 161+04 to 255+00; topsoil, 255+00 to 279+84.<br>{Stone, ¼ to 1 inch. |          |
| Sec. 2. 15+84 to 34+32   | do                     | Medium quick-drying oil  | 1.5                                       |   |          |
| Sec. 3. 34+32 to 108+24  | Surface-treated        | Tar, 8 to 13 specific viscosity at 40° C   | .38                                       |   |          |
| Sec. 4. 108+24 to 161+04 | do                     | Tar, 18 to 25 specific viscosity at 40° C  | .38                                       |   |          |
| Sec. 5. 161+04 to 279+84 | do                     | Slow-drying oil  | .38                                       |   |          |
| Sec. 6. 279+84 to 361+00 | Double surface-treated | [Primer: Tar, 8 to 13 specific viscosity at 40° C<br>Second coat: Hot asphalt, 150 to 200 pen<br>Station 359+00 to 361+00, no primer | .25<br>.33                                |   |          |
| RE-TREATMENTS            |                        |  |   |   |          |
| Section and station      | Date                   | Type and depth   | Bituminous material                       |   | Covering |
|                          |                        |  | Character                                 | Gallons per square yard   |          |
| Sec. 1. 0+00 to 15+84    | July, 1925             | Surface-treated  | Tar, 18 to 25 specific viscosity at 40° C | 0.2   | Sand.    |
| Do                       | March, 1927            | Mixed, 3½ inches   | do  | 1.1   |          |
| Do                       | do                     | Surface-treated  | do  | .2  |          |
| Sec. 2. 15+84 to 34+32   | November, 1925         | Mixed, 2 inches  | Slow-drying oil                           | 1.1   | Do.      |
| Do                       | March, 1927            | Mixed, 3½ inches   | do  | 1.1   |          |
| Do                       | do                     | Surface-treated  | do  | .2  |          |
| Sec. 3. 34+32 to 81+50   | July, 1925             | Scarified  |   |   | Do.      |
| Do                       | November, 1925         | Surface-treated  | Tar, 18 to 25 specific viscosity at 40° C | .35   |          |
| 81+50 to 108+24          | do                     | Surface-treated  | do  | .18   |          |
| 34+32 to 47+00           | March, 1927            | Scarified and surface-treated  | Tar, 13 to 18 specific viscosity at 40° C | .40   |          |
| 80+00 to 94+50           |                        |  |   |   |          |
| 47+00 to 80+00           |                        |  |   |   |          |
| 94+50 to 108+24          | do                     | Surface-treated  | do  | .25   |          |
| Sec. 4. 134+00 to 161+04 | July, 1925             | Scarified  |   |   | Do.      |
| Do                       | November, 1925         | Surface-treated  | Tar, 18 to 25 specific viscosity at 40° C | .37   |          |
| 108+24 to 134+00         | do                     | do   | do  | .24   |          |
| 159+00 to 161+04         | March, 1927            | Scarified and surface-treated  | Tar, 13 to 18 specific viscosity at 40° C | .40   |          |
| 108+24 to 159+00         | do                     | Surface-treated  | do  | .25   |          |
| Sec. 5. 161+04 to 279+84 | November, 1925         | do   | Slow-drying oil                           | .2  | Do.      |
| Do                       | March, 1927            | do   | do  | .2  |          |
| Sec. 6. 279+84 to 353+00 | November, 1925         | do   | do  | .2  | Do.      |

mica, which seemed not only to weaken the bond but also, by collecting in layers and pockets, to cause scaling of the surface. The South Carolina highway department has found that those portions of the surface containing high percentages of mica are slippery, unstable, and difficult to maintain during the wet season.

The portions of the surface showing the greatest mica content were located in the deeper cuts and on fills built with the soil from these cuts. In these locations the mica-bearing subsoil had been incorporated with the topsoil by the mixing during construction and maintenance.

The topsoil surface material on the experimental sections in Spartanburg County contained in general much less mica than the surface on portions of the Anderson County road. However, in the former county the surface of experimental section 11 between stations 729+00 and 791+25 scaled and crumbled badly during the progress of the treatment. This may have been the result of spreading a coat of finely crushed granite during the spring which at the time was insufficiently mixed with the clay binder underneath.

Table 3 shows that the clay content in the topsoil material ranged from a minimum of 8 per cent to a maximum of 32 per cent, the average being about 20 per cent. The surface from which the sample containing 8 per cent clay was taken was loose and badly broken. In the area represented by the sample having

32 per cent clay, the surface remained smooth and well bonded during dry weather but rutted somewhat during wet weather. It appears, by comparing the clay content with the condition of the surface, that less than 20 per cent clay in this topsoil did not in general give a stable and well-bonded surface during all seasons of the year. Clay was considered as including all particles of less than about 0.02 millimeter diameter and on the average constituted approximately twice as much material as would have been the case had the limit been taken as 0.005 millimeter diameter. A diameter of 0.005 millimeter is usually considered the upper limit under present soil terminology. The low dye-adsorption numbers obtained may be taken to indicate a clay low in stickiness and plasticity. This probably explains why such a large percentage of clay was needed to get a well-bonded surface.

The low moisture equivalent obtained indicates in general that the material dries out very quickly after a rain. This characteristic property of the topsoil surface was noted during construction.

Other physical tests add but little to this information, probably due to some extent to the fact that the proportion of sand is so large as to render inapplicable tests designed primarily for soils. In general, however, it is seen that for samples from poorly bonded locations the dye adsorption is 5 or less, the moisture equivalent is less than 8, and the lower liquid limit is less than 19.

**LOCAL CONDITIONS CONSIDERED IN SELECTING BITUMINOUS MATERIALS**

In selecting bituminous materials for the various sections, certain qualities were specified which were thought to be desirable with the methods of construction and maintenance adopted. For sections 1 and 2, materials were desired which would mix readily with the topsoil, permit working and smoothing with road machinery soon after being applied but which would harden with sufficient rapidity to produce a stable surface under traffic.

A thin mat surface, susceptible to further strengthening by subsequent treatments, was desired on sections 3 and 4. For this purpose tars were specified of such nature and consistency that they would penetrate the topsoil, thus minimizing the danger of displacement under traffic. Tars of two consistencies were used to determine their relative efficiencies.

The object on section 5 was the development of a surface somewhat similar to those of sections 3 and 4 except that a rather light grade of slow-curing oil was employed. With such a material it was anticipated that a rather plastic mat would result which could be shaped by dragging and thickened by later treatments.

On the double surface treatments, experiments 6 to 11, inclusive, the purpose was to form a stable mat of stone and bituminous material, firmly bonded with the topsoil surface. A rather fluid product, designed to penetrate the road and to dry with sufficient rapidity to permit early application of the second coat, was used as a primer. Over this a hot refined tar or asphalt

was sprayed, the primary function of which was to bind the relatively heavy layer of coarse aggregate.

Table 4 gives the results of tests made on the mineral cover materials and Tables 5 and 6 give the characteristics of the bituminous materials used on the several sections.



SCARIFYING TOPSOIL SURFACE FOR THE MIXING TREATMENT

**CONSTRUCTION METHODS DESCRIBED**

Practically the same methods were employed in the construction of experimental sections 1 and 2. The topsoil road surface in each case was scarified to a depth of 2 to 3 inches, after which this loosened material was pulverized by disk harrowing. About one-half of the loose material was then bladed to the sides of the road

TABLE 2.—Details of construction and re-treatments of experimental sections on Route 19; from station 0+00 to 38+00 the surface was 25 feet wide and on the remainder 19 feet wide

ORIGINAL TREATMENTS, JUNE, 1925

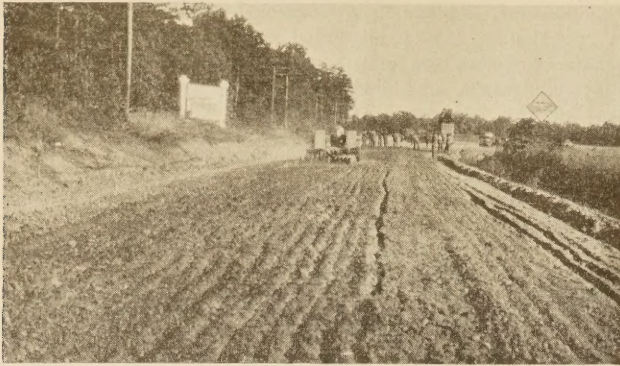
| Section and station  | Type                        | Bituminous material   |                                | Covering  |
|--|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
|  |                             | Character   | Gallons per square yard        |   |
| Sec. 7. 0+00 to 82+50.....<br>82+50 to 436+00 <sup>1</sup> ..... | Double surface-treated..... | {Primer: Tar, 8 to 13, specific viscosity at 40° C.....<br>{Second coat: Hot tar.....                     | $\frac{1}{4}$<br>$\frac{3}{8}$ | } $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch stone.  |
| Sec. 8. 436+00 to 512+00.....                                    | Double surface-treated..... | {Primer: Cut-back oil.....<br>{Second coat: Hot asphalt, 150 to 200 pen.....                              | $\frac{1}{4}$<br>$\frac{3}{8}$ |   |
| Sec. 9. 512+00 to 536+00.....                                    | do.....                     | {Primer: Cut-back oil.....<br>{Second coat: Hot tar.....  | $\frac{1}{4}$<br>$\frac{3}{8}$ | } Do. 512 to 517, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch stone, 517 to 533, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch chats, 533 to 536, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch slag. |
| Sec. 10. 536+00 to 622+50.....                                   | do.....                     | {Primer: Tar, 8 to 13, specific viscosity at 40° C.....<br>{Second coat: Hot tar.....                     | $\frac{1}{4}$<br>$\frac{3}{8}$ |   |
| Sec. 11. 622+50 to 791+25.....                                   | do.....                     | {Primer: Tar, 8 to 13, specific viscosity at 40° C.....<br>{Second coat: Hot asphalt, 150 to 200 pen..... | $\frac{1}{4}$<br>$\frac{3}{8}$ | } $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch stone. 536 to 553, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch slag. 553 to 622+50, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch stone.          |

<sup>1</sup> This section was double surface-treated by the State highway department in 1925.

RE-TREATMENTS

| Section and station   | Date                                  | Type                            | Bituminous material   |                                | Covering  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
|   |                                       |                                 | Character   | Gallons per square yard        |   |
| Sec. 7. 38+00 to 82+50.....<br>0+00 to 38+00.....<br>82+50 to 436+00 <sup>1</sup> ..... | November, 1925...<br>March, 1926..... | Surface-treated.....<br>do..... | Tar, 18 to 25, specific viscosity at 40° C....<br>Tar, 8 to 13, specific viscosity at 40° C.... | $\frac{1}{5}$<br>$\frac{3}{8}$ | Sand.<br>Do.  |
| Sec. 8. 436+00 to 512+00.....   | March, 1926.....                      | Surface-treated.....            | Medium quick-drying oil.....  | $\frac{1}{5}$                  | Do.   |
| Sec. 9. 512+00 to 536+00.....   | do.....                               | do.....                         | Tar, 8 to 13, specific viscosity at 40° C....   | $\frac{3}{8}$                  | Do.   |
| Sec. 10. 574+50 to 622+50.....<br>536 to 574+50.....                                    | November, 1925...<br>March, 1926..... | do.....<br>do.....              | Tar, 13 to 18, specific viscosity at 40° C....<br>Tar, 8 to 13, specific viscosity at 40° C.... | $\frac{3}{8}$<br>$\frac{3}{8}$ | Do.<br>Sand, 553 to 574+50; 536 to 553, stone.  |
| Sec. 11. 622+50 to 791+25.....  | November, 1925...                     | do.....                         | Slow-drying oil.....  | $\frac{1}{5}$                  | Sand, 622+50 to 720, 735 to 750, 780 to 791+25; remainder $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ inch stone. |

<sup>1</sup> This section was double surface-treated by the State highway department in 1925.



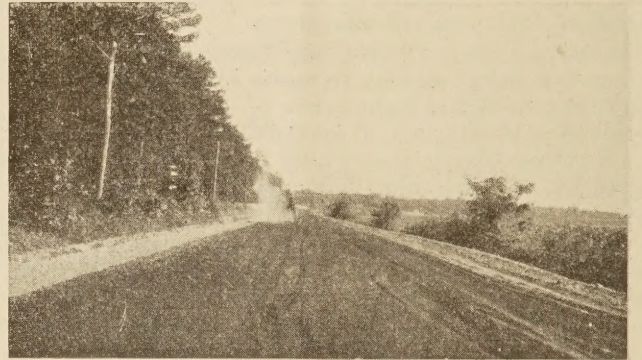
PULVERIZING THE TOPSOIL AFTER SCARIFYING



FINAL APPLICATION OF BITUMINOUS MATERIAL PREPARATORY TO MIXING



FIRST APPLICATION OF BITUMINOUS MATERIAL TO A PORTION OF THE SOIL. SECOND APPLICATION TO FOLLOW AFTER SPREADING THE SOIL SHOWN IN WINDROWS



SHAPING AND COMPACTING

TABLE 3.—Analysis and tests of samples of topsoil surfacing from experimental sections

| Soil No. | Section No. | Station of sampling | Mechanical analysis of granular material |                 |               |               |                |                 |          | Silt 0.02 to 0.07 mm. <sup>1</sup> | Clay under 0.02 mm. diameter <sup>1</sup> | Dye adsorption No. | Moisture equivalent | Lower liquid limit | Plastic index | Shrinkage |          | Depth of topsoil surface at center line | Condition of the topsoil surface            |   |
|----------|-------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---|---|---|
|          |             |                     | Over 1/4 inch                            | 1/4-inch-No. 10 | No. 10-No. 20 | No. 20-No. 60 | No. 60-No. 100 | No. 100-No. 200 | Total    |                                    |   |                    |                     |                    |               | Limit     | Ratio    |   |   |   |
|          |             |                     | Per cent                                 | Per cent        | Per cent      | Per cent      | Per cent       | Per cent        | Per cent |                                    |   |                    |                     |                    |               | Per cent  | Per cent |   |   | Per cent                                      |
| 1528     | 1           | 2                   | 3  | 3               | 7             | 31            | 9              | 7               | 60       | 13                                 | 27  | 13                 | 12                  | 25                 | 7             | 16        | 1.8      | 6                                       | Smooth and well bonded.                     |   |
| 1529     | 2           | 22                  | 6  | 7               | 9             | 33            | 10             | 10              | 75       | 9                                  | 17  | 3                  | 6                   | 16                 | 0             | 13        | 1.9      | 6                                       | Badly broken, poorly bonded.                |   |
| 1530     | 3           | 38                  | 3  | 4               | 4             | 27            | 13             | 10              | 61       | 13                                 | 26  | 6                  | 10                  | 19                 | 3             | 14        | 1.9      | 7                                       | Smooth and well bonded.                     |   |
| 1531     | 3           | 74                  | 1  | 3               | 7             | 33            | 9              | 6               | 59       | 9                                  | 32  | 11                 | 12                  | 27                 | 10            | 17        | 1.8      | 8                                       | Do.   |   |
| 1532     | 3           | 106                 | 1  | 4               | 7             | 37            | 11             | 10              | 70       | 8                                  | 22  | 7                  | 7                   | 19                 | 0             | 15        | 1.9      | 9                                       | Good; some loose material on the surface.   |   |
| 1533     | 4           | 125                 | 4  | 6               | 7             | 33            | 12             | 11              | 73       | 9                                  | 18  | 5                  | 7                   | 18                 | 0             | 15        | 1.8      | 7                                       | Considerable loose material, poorly bonded. |   |
| 1534     | 4           | 145                 | 8  | 5               | 5             | 26            | 12             | 10              | 66       | 14                                 | 20  | 5                  | 8                   | 19                 | 0             | 15        | 1.9      | 6                                       | Good, except poorly bonded at the edges.    |   |
| 1535     | 5           | 170                 | 8  | 7               | 5             | 28            | 12             | 12              | 72       | 12                                 | 16  | 5                  | 6                   | 17                 | 0             | 14        | 1.9      | 8                                       | Very loose, poorly bonded.                  |   |
| 1536     | 5           | 213                 | 2  | 6               | 10            | 35            | 11             | 8               | 72       | 10                                 | 18  | 5                  | 7                   | 19                 | 0             | 16        | 1.8      | 6                                       | Do.   |   |
| 1537     | 5           | 244                 | 7  | 8               | 9             | 29            | 8              | 8               | 69       | 10                                 | 22  | 5                  | 8                   | 19                 | 4             | 15        | 1.8      | 4                                       | Good; some loose material at sides.         |   |
| 1538     | 5           | 269                 | 2  | 8               | 9             | 30            | 11             | 8               | 68       | 12                                 | 21  | 6                  | 9                   | 21                 | 0             | 16        | 1.8      | 5                                       | Do.   |   |
| 1568     | 6           | 290                 | 2  | 6               | 11            | 41            | 13             | 12              | 85       | 8                                  | 8   | 3                  | 4                   | -----              | -----         | -----     | -----    | -----                                   | -----                                       | Very poor, loose and scaling badly in places. |
| 1539     | 6           | 300                 | 3  | 4               | 8             | 33            | 10             | 10              | 68       | 12                                 | 21  | 6                  | 8                   | 25                 | 0             | 20        | 1.7      | 8                                       | Good, some loose material at sides.         |   |
| 1540     | 6           | 340                 | 3  | 5               | 8             | 32            | 11             | 11              | 70       | 10                                 | 21  | 5                  | 8                   | 19                 | 3             | 15        | 1.8      | 8                                       | Smooth, well bonded.                        |   |
| 1562     | 7           | 5                   | 4  | 7               | 8             | 26            | 9              | 12              | 66       | 13                                 | 21  | 7                  | 8                   | -----              | -----         | -----     | -----    | -----                                   | -----                                       | Do.   |
| 1563     | 7           | 28                  | 14                                       | 9               | 8             | 22            | 8              | 10              | 71       | 13                                 | 17  | 6                  | 8                   | -----              | -----         | -----     | -----    | -----                                   | -----                                       | Loose and poorly bonded.                      |
| 1545     | 8           | 446                 | 8  | 3               | 5             | 34            | 12             | 9               | 71       | 10                                 | 20  | 5                  | 8                   | 17                 | 0             | 15        | 1.8      | 5                                       | Rough, well bonded.                         |   |
| 1546     | 8           | 472                 | 5  | 3               | 6             | 37            | 13             | 11              | 75       | 9                                  | 16  | 3                  | 6                   | 17                 | 0             | 15        | 1.7      | 6                                       | Loose and poorly bonded.                    |   |
| 1547     | 8           | 497                 | 8  | 4               | 4             | 29            | 9              | 10              | 64       | 9                                  | 27  | 7                  | 13                  | 31                 | 6             | 21        | 1.7      | 6                                       | Good, well bonded.                          |   |
| 1549     | 9           | 525                 | 11                                       | 5               | 5             | 38            | 14             | 11              | 84       | 8                                  | 10  | 2                  | 4                   | 15                 | 0             | -----     | -----    | -----                                   | -----                                       | Loose, poorly bonded.                         |
| 1551     | 10          | 552                 | 3  | 4               | 6             | 33            | 10             | 11              | 67       | 10                                 | 22  | 9                  | 10                  | 23                 | 0             | 19        | 1.7      | 5                                       | Good, well bonded.                          |   |
| 1553     | 10          | 585                 | 3  | 2               | 4             | 37            | 13             | 10              | 69       | 9                                  | 23  | 5                  | 8                   | 19                 | 0             | 15        | 1.8      | 4                                       | Good, fairly well bonded.                   |   |
| 1554     | 10          | 620                 | 1  | 4               | 6             | 36            | 11             | 11              | 69       | 9                                  | 22  | 5                  | 9                   | 18                 | 0             | 15        | 1.8      | 6                                       | Do.   |   |
| 1555     | 11          | 661                 | 4  | 5               | 7             | 34            | 11             | 8               | 69       | 9                                  | 20  | 8                  | 8                   | 9                  | 0             | 16        | 1.7      | 8                                       | Good, well bonded.                          |   |
| 1556     | 11          | 693                 | 8  | 10              | 7             | 30            | 11             | 9               | 75       | 10                                 | 16  | 4                  | 7                   | 18                 | 0             | 14        | 1.7      | -----                                   | -----                                       | Smooth, poorly bonded.                        |
| 1558     | 11          | 726                 | 2  | 7               | 7             | 26            | 10             | 12              | 64       | 12                                 | 26  | 7                  | 12                  | 23                 | 0             | 19        | 1.6      | 5                                       | Fairly smooth; fairly well bonded.          |   |
| 1559     | 11          | 757                 | 8  | 9               | 6             | 25            | 12             | 11              | 71       | 13                                 | 15  | 5                  | 7                   | 17                 | 0             | 17        | 1.7      | 5                                       | Loose, very poorly bonded.                  |   |
| 1560     | 11          | 785                 | 2  | 5               | 6             | 30            | 16             | 13              | 72       | 11                                 | 17  | 5                  | 8                   | 20                 | 0             | 18        | 1.7      | -----                                   | -----                                       | Do.   |

SAMPLES TAKEN FROM THE SUBGRADE

|      |    |     |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |       |
|------|----|-----|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| 1565 | 7  | 49  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 9  | 8  | 45 | 11 | 44 | 10 | 21 | 44 | 22 | 27 | 1.5 | ----- |
| 1548 | 8  | 497 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 26 | 8  | 9  | 49 | 9  | 42 | 11 | 21 | 37 | 12 | 26 | 1.6 | ----- |
| 1552 | 10 | 552 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 29 | 10 | 12 | 66 | 12 | 22 | 7  | 13 | 30 | 0  | 23 | 1.6 | ----- |
| 1557 | 11 | 693 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 7  | 8  | 49 | 13 | 38 | 8  | 14 | 33 | 15 | 21 | 1.7 | ----- |

<sup>1</sup> Limiting sizes of silt and clay are as defined for use in testing semigravel, topsoil, and sand-clay aggregate for road surfacing, U. S. Dept. Agr. Bul. 1216, p. 16. Percentages of silt and clay are based on the total samples, calculated from the results obtained on the material passing the 10-mesh sieve.



TABLE 4.—Characteristics of material used for covering on surface treatments

| TOPSOIL ON SECTION 3         |   |  |                                      |           |           |            |             |          |          |
|------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Material No.                 | Where used, stations                                | Mechanical analysis of granular material |                                      |           |           |            |             | Silt     | Clay     |
|                              |   | ¼-inch                                   | No. 10                               | No. 10-20 | No. 20-60 | No. 60-100 | No. 100-200 |          |          |
|                              |   | Per cent                                 | Per cent                             | Per cent  | Per cent  | Per cent   | Per cent    | Per cent | Per cent |
| 1530                         | 34+32 to 85+00.....                                 | 3  | 4                                    | 4         | 27        | 13         | 10          | 13       | 26       |
| 1531                         |   | 1  | 3                                    | 7         | 33        | 9          | 6           | 9        | 32       |
| 1541                         |   | 12                                       | 3                                    | 5         | 24        | 10         | 9           | 10       | 27       |
| TOPSOIL ON SECTION 4         |   |  |                                      |           |           |            |             |          |          |
| 1534                         | 134+00 to 161+04.....                               | 8  | 5                                    | 5         | 26        | 12         | 10          | 14       | 20       |
| TOPSOIL ON SECTION 5         |   |  |                                      |           |           |            |             |          |          |
| 1538                         | 255+00 to 279+84.....                               | 2  | 8                                    | 9         | 29        | 11         | 8           | 12       | 21       |
| SAND ON SECTIONS 3, 4, AND 5 |   |  |                                      |           |           |            |             |          |          |
| 1542                         | { 85+00 to 134+00.....<br>161+04 to 255+00..... }   | 1  | 9                                    | 25        | 54        | 4          | 2           | 2        | 3        |
| Material No.                 | Where used  | Character of material                    | Mechanical analysis, amount retained |           |           |            |             |          |          |
|                              |   |  | 1-inch                               | ¾-inch    | ½-inch    | ¼-inch     | No. 10      | No. 20   |          |
|                              |   |  | Per cent                             | Per cent  | Per cent  | Per cent   | Per cent    | Per cent | Per cent |
| 27300                        | Section 6.....                                      | Biotite gneiss                           | 11                                   | 39        | 81        | 98         | -----       | -----    | -----    |
| 26953                        | Sections 7, 8, 10 and on 9 from station 512 to 517. | Gneissoid granite.                       | 19                                   | 33        | 85        | 98         | -----       | -----    | -----    |
| 26951                        | Section 9 from station 517 to 533.                  | Dolomite.....                            | -----                                | -----     | 11        | 57         | 93          | 99       | -----    |
| 26952                        | Section 11.....                                     | Gneissoid granite.                       | 2                                    | 17        | 49        | 85         | -----       | -----    | -----    |

with a grader, and bituminous material was applied to the surface at the rate of one-half gallon per square yard. This was followed by disk harrowing several times, after which the topsoil at the sides of the road was spread over the treatment with the grader. Second and third applications of bituminous material were made, both similar in amount to the first, and followed in each case by disk harrowing, mixing, and shaping with a grader. In mixing, the procedure was to blade all the material from one side of the road to the other, finally shaping the surface to receive the next application.

After the surface had been thoroughly mixed and shaped it was gone over with a steel drag. This method worked very well for both sections, the surface being completely compacted after a few days of occasional dragging.

Although disking did not prove effective in mixing, it is believed that a small amount of such work is beneficial in bringing about a better bond between the mixture and the base and also in preventing the formation of a rich bituminous mat on the surface. It was found that such a mat, if permitted to form, might later peel off and lead to the formation of potholes.

Experimental sections 3 and 4 were both constructed in the same manner. The topsoil road surface was

swept clean, using a revolving broom, followed by hand brooming. The bituminous material was then added in two applications, the first being made at the rate of one-fifth gallon per square yard. The first application was covered with pulverized topsoil from the shoulders on a portion of these sections, while on the remaining portions a fairly coarse local river sand was used.

The first application was left to penetrate and consolidate for a day or two, after which such portions of the surface as had excess covering were swept. The second application was then made at the rate of 0.18 gallon per square yard and covered with the same material as had been used after the first application. The depth of the surface treatment several days after completion was about one-half inch.



APPLYING PRIMING COAT TO THE TOPSOIL SURFACE



STONE COVERING APPLIED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE APPLICATION OF THE HOT TOP COAT

A marked difference in the appearance of the surface treatment was apparent between the sections where sand covering and topsoil covering were used, the sanded surface appearing richer and less fragile.

The method used on section 5 was similar to that on sections 3 and 4, except that less sweeping was done on the topsoil surface before the first application of oil. Local river sand was used in covering a portion of this section, and on the remaining portion topsoil from the surface of the shoulders was employed.

A small amount of dragging was done shortly after the completion of the treatment to develop a smooth finished surface, but continuous machine maintenance was not feasible with the thin surface mat formed by the single treatment.

DOUBLE TREATMENT USED ON SIX SECTIONS

The remaining experimental sections, Nos. 6 to 11, inclusive, were all of the double surface-treatment type. The general procedure in making these treatments was to sweep the topsoil surface clean of all loose material and follow with a priming coat of a light tar or oil at the rate of one-fourth gallon per square yard. Where holes and breaks occurred in the topsoil surface, repairs were made after the priming coat had been applied. These repairs usually consisted of filling the depression with loose stone, but in the case of very bad breaks a bituminous cold-patch mixture was used. Portions of sections 6 and 11 required a large amount of such repair work.

The priming coat was permitted to penetrate and partially set up for a day or two, after which a heavy tar or asphalt was applied hot at the rate of one-third

gallon per square yard and covered immediately with crushed stone, spread by hand at the rate of 45 pounds to the square yard. After the crushed stone had been spread the surface was rolled with a 5-ton roller and opened to traffic. For a period of two or three weeks while compaction of the surface was taking place, stone thrown to the sides by traffic was collected and respread in places where bleeding and picking up indicated a deficiency of covering.

The priming material used on sections 8 and 9 was a cut-back asphaltic oil. It was found that this oil was not homogeneous, and great difficulty was experienced in applying it, as the distributor nozzles continually clogged. Only the thinner oil, which appeared to be largely the original cut-back naphtha, penetrated the topsoil, while the heavier material formed a mat on the surface.

TABLE 5.—Tests of tars used on experimental sections

| Laboratory number.....                                 | Original treatment             |                                 |               |               |                           |                           |            | Re-treatment    |                                  |                           |                 |               |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|  | 27157                          | 27159                           | 27153         | 27154         | 27198                     | 27199                     | 27201      | 27683           | 27706                            | 27769                     | 29071           | 29072         |
| Section.....   | 3 and 6                        | 1 and 4                         | 7 and 11      | 7             | 9 and 10                  | 10 and 11                 | 11         | 3 and 4         | 7 and 10                         | 7, 9, and 10              | 3 and 4         | 1             |
| Location of use, stations.....                         | 34+32 to 108+24, 279+84 to 361 | 0+00 to 15+84, 108+24 to 161+04 | 0+00 to 82+50 | 0+00 to 82+50 | 512 to 536, 536 to 622+50 | 536 to 630, 729 to 791+25 | 630 to 729 | 34+32 to 161+04 | 38+00 to 82+50, 574+00 to 622+00 | 0+00 to 38+00, 512 to 574 | 34+32 to 161+04 | 0+00 to 15+84 |
| Specific gravity, 25° at 25° C.....                    | 1.177                          | 1.184                           | 1.186         | 1.23          | 1.231                     | 1.169                     | 1.158      | 1.186           | 1.176                            | 1.145                     | 1.144           | 1.133         |
| Specific viscosity, Engler, 25° C.....                 | 8.6                            | 20.4                            | 12.4          | 167           | 182                       | 48.7                      | 36.7       | 23.7            | 18.9                             | 53.8                      | 67.0            | 69.9          |
| Specific viscosity, Engler, 40° C.....                 | 8.6                            | 20.4                            | 12.4          | 69            | 182                       | 12.0                      | 11.3       | 11.3            | 18.9                             | 11.4                      | 21.7            | 25.3          |
| Float test, 32° C., (seconds).....                     | 91.9                           | 91.4                            | 92.2          | 88.5          | 81.8                      | 88.0                      | 89.6       | 89.7            | 8.8                              | 94.75                     | 94.2            | 91.1          |
| Float test, 50° C., (seconds).....                     | 8.1                            | 8.6                             | 7.7           | 11.4          | 18.1                      | 11.8                      | 10.3       | 10.2            | 8.8                              | 5.19                      | 5.2             | 4.7           |
| Bitumen soluble in CS <sub>2</sub> ..... per cent..... | 0.0                            | 0.0                             | 0.1           | 0.1           | 0.1                       | 0.2                       | 0.1        | 0.1             | 0.1                              | 0.1                       | 0.1             | 0.0           |
| Free carbon..... do.....                               | 1.6                            | 1.4                             | 1.2           | 0.0           | 0.0                       | 2.0                       | 2.4        | 1.34            | 1.36                             | 2.57                      | 0.5             | 4.1           |
| Inorganic matter insoluble..... do.....                | 2.22                           | 2.20                            | 2.29          | 0.0           | 0.0                       | 2.79                      | 4.21       | 1.36            | 1.36                             | 2.57                      | 0.61            | 2.54          |
| Distillation:  | 5.06                           | 6.23                            | 7.07          | 2.25          | 2.47                      | 9.36                      | 6.26       | 9.12            | 4.83                             | 8.80                      | 8.13            | 5.48          |
| Water..... do.....                                     | 13.91                          | 12.55                           | 10.83         | 7.10          | 6.54                      | 10.90                     | 9.98       | 11.50           | 12.51                            | 12.76                     | 13.05           | 15.60         |
| Distilled to 170° C..... do.....                       | 5.87                           | 6.52                            | 6.49          | 3.66          | 4.73                      | 5.10                      | 5.83       | 5.03            | 6.24                             | 6.76                      | 9.26            | 7.41          |
| 170 to 235° C..... do.....                             | 73.21                          | 72.62                           | 73.28         | 87.15         | 86.60                     | 71.84                     | 73.79      | 72.94           | 75.33                            | 69.04                     | 68.80           | 68.70         |
| 235 to 270° C..... do.....                             | 30                             | 45                              | 34            | 42            | 49                        | 40                        | 38         | 38              | 30                               | 38                        | 50              | 48            |
| 270 to 300° C..... do.....                             |                                |                                 |               |               |                           |                           |            |                 |                                  |                           |                 |               |
| Residue..... do.....                                   |                                |                                 |               |               |                           |                           |            |                 |                                  |                           |                 |               |
| Softening point, residue °C..... do.....               |                                |                                 |               |               |                           |                           |            |                 |                                  |                           |                 |               |

TABLE 6.—Tests of oil products used on experimental sections

| Laboratory number.....                                 | Original treatment      |                  |                |                        |               |               |               | Re-treatment   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|  | 27158 <sup>1</sup><br>6 | 27160<br>5       | 27161<br>2     | 27197<br>8 and 9       | 27200<br>8    | 27202<br>11   | 27203<br>11   | 27684<br>2     | 27685<br>5 and 6 | 27705<br>11      | 27760<br>8       | 29073<br>5       | 29074<br>2     |
| Section.....   | 279+84 to 361+00        | 161+04 to 279+84 | 15+84 to 34+32 | 436 to 512, 512 to 536 | 429+50 to 512 | 700 to 791+25 | 622+50 to 700 | 15+84 to 34+32 | 161+04 to 353+00 | 622+50 to 791+25 | 436+00 to 512+00 | 161+04 to 279+84 | 15+84 to 34+32 |
| Location of use, stations.....                         |                         |                  |                |                        |               |               |               |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Specific gravity 25° at 25° C.....                     | 1.011                   | 0.938            | 0.929          | 0.950                  | 1.031         | 1.032         | 1.031         | 0.9496         | 0.9496           | 0.9473           | 0.9439           | 0.955            | 0.953          |
| Flash point, °C.....                                   | 195                     | 105              | 20             | 28                     | 235           | 235           | 235           | 100            | 99               | 90               | 30               | 130              | 140            |
| Burning point, °C.....                                 | 73.7                    | 140              | 31             | 31                     |               |               |               | 160            | 160              | 150              | 55               |                  |                |
| Specific viscosity, Engler, 25° C.....                 | 30.5                    | 127.5            | 329            | 117                    |               |               |               | 228.3          | 164.7            | 169.3            | 84.7             | 127.2            | 121.7          |
| Specific viscosity, Engler, 40° C.....                 | 82.8                    | 30.5             | 48.6           |                        |               |               |               | 55.7           | 48.3             | 44.19            | 31.8             | 42.3             | 40.5           |
| Specific viscosity, Engler, 50° C.....                 |                         |                  |                |                        |               |               |               |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Specific viscosity, Engler, 100° C.....                | 517                     |                  |                |                        | 336           | 327           | 332           |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Float test, 32° C., seconds.....                       |                         |                  |                |                        |               |               |               |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Float test, 50° C., seconds.....                       |                         |                  |                |                        |               |               |               |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Penetration, 25° C., 100 grams, 5 seconds.....         |                         |                  |                |                        | 165           | 161           | 164           |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Softening point, °C.....                               |                         |                  |                |                        | 40            | 40            | 40            |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Loss, 163° C., 5 hours, 20 grams per cent.....         | 1.23                    | 13.4             | 24.7           | 23.0                   |               |               |               | 9.0            | 9.5              | 9.6              | 32.2             | 7.1              | 7.0            |
| Residue, float test, 32° C. seconds.....               | 174                     | Fluid.           | 1671           | 4122                   |               |               |               |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Residue, float test, 50° C. do.....                    |                         |                  | 200            | 360                    |               |               |               |                |                  |                  |                  | 8.0              | 8.0            |
| Loss, 163° C., 5 hours, 50 grams per cent.....         | .64                     | 10.4             | 22.8           | 21.3                   | .17           | .14           | .16           | 5.7            | 6.1              | 6.1              | 7.4              | 4.7              | 4.1            |
| Residue, float test, 32° C. seconds.....               | 153                     | Fluid.           | 516            | 852                    |               |               |               |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Residue, float test, 50° C. do.....                    |                         |                  | 131            | 237                    |               |               |               |                |                  |                  |                  | 6.0              | 6.0            |
| Residue, penetration 25° C., 100 grams, 5 seconds..... |                         |                  |                |                        | 139           | 147           | 146           |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| Bitumen soluble CS <sub>2</sub> ..... per cent.....    | 99.9                    | 99.9             | 100.0          | 99.8                   | 99.8          | 99.8          | 99.8          | 100.0          | 100.0            | 99.9             | 100.0            | 99.9             | 99.9           |
| Organic matter insoluble..... do.....                  | .1                      | .1               | .0             | .2                     | .2            | .2            | .2            | .0             | .0               | .1               | .0               | .1               | .1             |
| Inorganic matter insoluble..... do.....                | .0                      | .0               | .0             | .0                     | .0            | .0            | .0            | .0             | .0               | .0               | .0               | .0               | .0             |
| Per cent bitumen insoluble in 86° B. naphtha.....      | 21.5                    | 12.7             | 19.3           | 20.0                   | 23.6          | 24.2          | 23.5          | 13.3           | 12.3             | 13.3             | 17.6             | 7.6              | .06            |

<sup>1</sup> Sample No. 27158 contained about 5 per cent adventitious water. Tests made after dehydration at 105° C.

**COST DATA KEPT ON VARIOUS SECTIONS**

Cost data on the several experimental sections are given in Tables 7 and 8. The costs shown do not include charges for overhead or rental of equipment. The unit cost of constructing experimental sections 1 and 2 is high, but would probably be less on larger sections.

Unit costs of materials and labor used on these sections were as follows:

|   |            |             |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Oil for cold and hot application at refinery-----   | per gallon | \$0. 05     |
| Tar for cold and hot application, delivered-----    | do         | . 1281      |
| Stone, 1¼ inches to one-fourth inch, delivered----- | per ton    | 2. 05       |
| Common labor, per day of 10 hours-----              |            | 1. 75-1. 90 |

TABLE 7.—Cost per square yard of various items on sections 1 to 6

| Section No.....                            | 1           |             | 2           |             | 3           |             | 4           |             | 5           |      | 6             |       |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|---------------|-------|
|  | Top-soil    | Top-soil    | Top-soil    | Sand        | Top-soil    | Sand        | Top-soil    | Sand        | Top-soil    | Sand | 1¼-inch stone |       |
| Area (square yards)-----                   | 3,516       | 4,103       | 11,262      | 5,148       | 5,998       | 5,724       | 5,520       | 20,854      | 17,582      |      |               |       |
| Labor preparing road-way-----              | Cents 0. 64 | Cents 0. 58 | Cents 1. 23 | Cents 1. 23 | Cents 0. 35 | Cents 0. 35 | Cents 0. 26 | Cents 0. 26 | Cents 0. 88 |      |               |       |
| Heating bituminous material-----           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |      |               | . 23  |
| Applying bituminous material-----          | . 40        | . 58        | . 32        | . 32        | . 13        | . 13        | . 13        | . 13        | . 13        |      |               | . 56  |
| Hauling covering material-----             |             |             |             | . 90        |             | . 49        |             |             | . 41        |      |               | 1. 10 |
| Applying covering material-----            | 1. 44       | . 81        | . 40        | . 40        | . 13        | . 13        | . 19        | . 19        | . 19        |      |               | . 39  |
| Tar, delivered-----                        | 18. 93      |             | 4. 54       | 4. 54       | 5. 19       | 5. 19       |             |             |             |      |               | 3. 15 |
| Oil, cold application-----                 |             | 7. 61       |             |             |             |             | 1. 86       | 1. 86       |             |      |               |       |
| Freight on above-----                      |             | 2. 60       |             |             |             |             | . 73        | . 73        |             |      |               |       |
| Oil, hot application-----                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |      |               | 1. 60 |
| Freight on above-----                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |      |               | . 58  |
| Cover material-----                        |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |      |               | 5. 18 |
| Fuel, oil, etc-----                        | 1. 25       | 1. 76       | . 73        | . 73        | . 23        | . 23        | . 54        | . 54        |             |      |               | . 83  |
| Miscellaneous-----                         | . 55        | . 68        | . 15        | . 15        | . 30        | . 30        | . 42        | . 42        |             |      |               | . 72  |
| Total cost per square yard (cents)-----    | 23. 30      | 14. 62      | 7. 37       | 8. 27       | 6. 33       | 6. 82       | 4. 13       | 4. 54       | 15. 27      |      |               |       |
| Cost per mile, 20 feet wide (dollars)----- | 2, 735      | 1, 715      | 860         | 970         | 745         | 800         | 485         | 535         | 1, 790      |      |               |       |

TABLE 8.—Cost per square yard of various items on sections 7 to 11

| Section No.....                            | 7           |             | 8           |             | 9           |             | 10          |             | 11 |  |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----|--|
|  | Stone       | Stone       | Stone       | Chats       | Slag        | Slag        | Stone       | Stone       |    |  |
| Area (square yards)-----                   | 19,950      | 16,044      | 1,056       | 3,378       | 633         | 3,589       | 14,672      | 35,625      |    |  |
| Labor-----                                 | Cents 2. 74 | Cents 2. 74 | Cents 2. 74 | Cents 2. 74 | Cents 2. 74 | Cents 2. 74 | Cents 2. 74 | Cents 2. 74 |    |  |
| Tar for cold application-----              | 2. 823      |             |             |             | 2. 823      | 2. 823      | 2. 823      | 2. 823      |    |  |
| Freight on above-----                      | . 059       |             |             |             | . 059       | . 059       | . 059       | . 059       |    |  |
| Tar for hot application-----               | 5. 76       |             | 5. 76       | 5. 76       | 5. 76       | 5. 76       | 5. 76       | 5. 76       |    |  |
| Freight on above-----                      | . 121       |             | . 121       | . 121       | . 121       | . 121       | . 121       | . 121       |    |  |
| Oil for cold application-----              |             | 1. 833      | 1. 833      | 1. 833      | 1. 833      |             |             |             |    |  |
| Freight on above-----                      |             | . 686       | . 686       | . 686       | . 686       |             |             |             |    |  |
| Oil for hot application-----               |             | 2. 028      |             |             |             |             |             | 2. 028      |    |  |
| Freight on above-----                      |             | . 760       |             |             |             |             |             | . 760       |    |  |
| 1 to ¼-inch stone-----                     | 2. 982      | 2. 982      | 2. 982      |             |             |             | 2. 982      | 2. 982      |    |  |
| Freight on above-----                      | 2. 491      | 2. 491      | 2. 491      |             |             |             | 2. 491      | 2. 491      |    |  |
| Limestone chats-----                       |             |             |             | 4. 07       |             |             |             |             |    |  |
| Freight on above-----                      |             |             |             | 4. 56       |             |             |             |             |    |  |
| 1 to ¼-inch slag-----                      |             |             |             |             | 1. 933      | 1. 933      |             |             |    |  |
| Freight on above-----                      |             |             |             |             | 4. 00       | 4. 00       |             |             |    |  |
| Fuel and steam-----                        | . 3445      | . 3445      | . 3445      | . 3445      | . 3445      | . 3445      | . 3445      | . 3445      |    |  |
| Miscellaneous-----                         | . 5655      | . 5655      | . 5655      | . 5655      | . 5655      | . 5655      | . 5655      | . 5655      |    |  |
| Total cost per square yard (cents)-----    | 17. 89      | 14. 43      | 17. 52      | 20. 68      | 17. 98      | 18. 45      | 17. 89      | 14. 79      |    |  |
| Cost per mile, 20 feet wide (dollars)----- | 2, 100      | 1, 695      | 2, 055      | 2, 425      | 2, 110      | 2, 165      | 2, 109      | 1, 735      |    |  |

**SERVICE HISTORY OF THE EXPERIMENTAL SECTIONS DESCRIBED**

Since the original treatment of these sections in July, 1925, some retreatment has been necessary and all sections have been under patrol maintenance. The

patrol maintenance has consisted largely of repairing breaks in the surface, using the same materials as were used in the original treatment. In patching the double surface-treated sections, good results were obtained with the original hot application materials and also with commercial cold patching products.



TAR MIXED SECTION WITHOUT SEAL COAT SHORTLY AFTER CONSTRUCTION

Most of the retreatments were as had been originally planned. In most cases they were for the purpose of sealing the surface or of thickening and strengthening the original treatment. On several sections, however, the work amounted to reconstruction. Table 9 summarizes the nature and cost of the work done on the experimental sections to June, 1927. A description of this work up to August, 1927, and a survey of the condition of the sections at that time is given below in some detail.

The experiments in Anderson County (secs. 1 to 6) have carried much less traffic than those in Spartanburg County. Counts made on the Anderson County experiments during the months from January to September of 1927 showed an average of 456 vehicles and a maximum of 935 for the 12-hour period from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

The traffic on the Spartanburg sections has greatly increased since the experiments were completed. Traffic counts made by the State on week days during five summer months of 1924 before these treatments were made, showed an average of 636 and a maximum of 800 vehicles for the 12-hour period from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., while a similar count during the same period of 1926 gave an average of 834 and maximum of 1,082 vehicles.

SECTION I

A few months after this section was subjected to traffic, evidence of nonuniform mixing developed. Corrugations denoting excessive richness appeared in some places and in others leanness was indicated by raveling. A light seal-coat treatment consisting of tar of a specific viscosity at 40° C. of 18 to 25 was applied at the rate of one-fifth gallon per square yard and covered with sand. This treatment prevented further raveling but the mixture continued to be highly unstable in certain areas.

This section was maintained through the year 1926 by patching and cutting down corrugations, but in March, 1927, it was apparent that further maintenance of this character would not be justified. The surface was scarified to a depth sufficient to produce a surface

TABLE 9.—Cost per square yard of maintenance of experimental sections, from June, 1925, to June, 1927<sup>1</sup>

| Section No. | Type                    | Original treatments (May and June, 1925)   |          |                         |  | Re-treatments                                   |   |                            |                      | Maintenance cost per square yard |                    |                     |                    | Average yearly cost of re-treatments and maintenance during year July, 1926, to July, 1927, per mile (20 feet wide) | Cost of re-treatments and maintenance during year July, 1926, to July, 1927, per mile (20 feet wide) |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|----------|-------------------------|--|---|---|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|
|             |                         | Bituminous material  | Covering | Cost per square yard    | Date   | Type  | Bituminous material and rate of application   | Covering                   | Cost per square yard | July-December, 1925              | January-June, 1926 | July-December, 1926 | January-June, 1927 |   |  |
| 1           | Mixed                   | { 1.5 gallons tar No. 27159.   | {        | 23.30                   | { July, 1925.<br>{ March, 1927.              | { Surface-treated.<br>{ Mixed, surface-treated. | { Sand.<br>{ do.  | { 5.50<br>{ 21.20          | 2.04                 | 4.20                             | 2.00               | 1.50                | 7.010              | 2, 140  | 2, 900   |
| 2           | do.                     | { 1.5 gallons oil No. 27161.   | {        | 14.62                   | { November, 1925.<br>{ March, 1927.          | { Mixed, surface-treated.                       | { Sand.   | { 11.40<br>{ 14.10         | .63                  | .18                              | 1.29               | 2.04                | 5, 185             | 1, 740  | 2, 045   |
| 3           | Surface-treated.        | { 0.38 gallon tar No. 27157.<br>{ Topsoil.<br>{ Sand.                            | {        | 7.37<br>8.27            | { November, 1925.<br>{ do.<br>{ March, 1927. | { Surface-treated.<br>{ do.<br>{ do.            | { do.<br>{ do.<br>{ do.   | { 6.27<br>{ 3.29<br>{ 5.31 | 2.76                 | 3.61                             | 1.96               |                     |                    |   |  |
| 4           | do.                     | { 0.38 gallon tar No. 27159.<br>{ do.<br>{ Topsoil.                              | {        | 6.82<br>6.33            | { November, 1925.<br>{ do.<br>{ March, 1927. | { do.<br>{ do.<br>{ do.                         | { do.<br>{ do.<br>{ do.   | { 3.92<br>{ 6.22<br>{ 5.31 | 4.63                 | 5.03                             | 2.76               |                     |                    |   |  |
| 5           | do.                     | { 0.38 gallon oil No. 27160.<br>{ do.<br>{ Sand.                                 | {        | 4.13<br>4.54            | { November, 1925.<br>{ do.<br>{ March, 1927. | { do.<br>{ do.<br>{ do.                         | { do.<br>{ do.<br>{ do.   | { 2.94<br>{ 3.06           | 2.63                 | 2.35                             | 2.33               | 2.59                | 2, 390             | 935   | 935  |
| 6           | Double surface-treated. | { Primer: 1/4 gallon tar No. 27157.<br>{ Top coat: 1/2 gallon asphalt No. 27158. | {        | 15.27                   | November, 1925.                              | do.   | do.   | 3.22                       | 2.66                 | 1.48                             | .78                | .87                 | 2, 850             | 530   | 105  |
| 7           | do.                     | { Primer: 1/4 gallon tar No. 27153.<br>{ Top coat: 1/2 gallon tar No. 27154.     | {        | 17.89                   | { do.<br>{ March, 1926.                      | { do.<br>{ do.                                  | { do.<br>{ do.  | { 3.49<br>{ 3.51           | 1.73                 | 1.35                             | .70                | 1.41                | 3, 120             | 520   | 245  |
| 8           | do.                     | { Primer: 1/4 gallon oil No. 27197.<br>{ Top coat: 1/2 gallon asphalt No. 27200. | {        | 14.43                   | { do.  | do.   | do.   | 3.24                       | 1.50                 | 1.13                             | .70                | 1.29                | 2, 615             | 400   | 235  |
| 9           | do.                     | { Primer: 1/4 gallon oil No. 27197.<br>{ Top coat: 1/2 gallon tar No. 27198.     | {        | 17.52<br>20.68<br>17.98 | { do.  | { do.   | { do.   | { 4.75                     | 1.70                 | .07                              | .47                | .31                 | 3, 240             | 465   | 90   |
| 10          | do.                     | { Primer: 1/4 gallon tar No. 27199.<br>{ Top coat: 1/2 gallon tar No. 27198.     | {        | 18.45<br>17.89          | { November, 1925.<br>{ March, 1926.          | { do.<br>{ do.                                  | { Sand.<br>{ Stations 536 to 553, 1/4 to 3/4 inch stone.<br>{ Stations 553 to 574+50, sand.           | { 3.41<br>{ 8.91<br>{ 4.80 | 1.88                 | 2.12                             | .89                | 1.18                | 3, 385             | 635   | 245  |
| 11          | do.                     | { Primer: 1/4 gallon tar No. 27159.<br>{ Top coat: 1/2 gallon asphalt No. 27202. | {        | 14.79                   | November, 1925.                              | do.   | { Stations 622+50 to 720, 735 to 750, and 780 to 791+25, sand.<br>{ Remainder, 1/4 to 3/4 inch stone. | { 2.38<br>{ 4.07           | 3.64                 | 1.89                             | 1.49               | 1.71                | 3, 090             | 680   | 375  |

<sup>1</sup> Above costs do not include rental or depreciation.

layer  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in thickness. An application of tar at the rate of 1.1 gallons per square yard was required on account of the greater depth of the new surface layer and extreme care was taken to secure a homogeneous and uniform mixture. After the surface had been exposed to traffic for a few days a seal-coat application of one-fifth gallon of tar per square yard was applied and covered with sand.

The reconstructed section appears to have been very successful. Neither raveling nor evidences of instability have developed. The seal coat exhibited a tendency to peel off, due probably to the blotting action of the fine sand cover which, with the tar, formed a lean mat which did not adhere closely to the mixture beneath.

## SECTION 2

The quick-curing oil used on this section produced a more brittle mixture than was desired. It was intended that the surface should possess sufficient plasticity to be self-sealing. However, the mixture proved to be lean except in spots where, due to the nonuniformity of composition, the surface corrugated. Late in the fall of 1925 the entire section was scarified and remixed, the mixture being enriched by the addition of 1.1 gallons per square yard of the slow-curing oil used in the construction of section 5.

Throughout the winter this section remained smooth and well bonded, but with the advent of warm weather, instability developed and the surface rutted and corrugated badly. It was evident that, although satisfactory under winter conditions, this mixture was too rich to withstand traffic during the summer months.

The section was reconstructed in March, 1927, by scarifying and adding 1.1 gallons per square yard of slow-curing oil. Mixing was carried to a depth of about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches, thus producing a much leaner mixture despite the addition of more oil. As a protection to the surface from the abrasive action of traffic, one-fifth gallon per square yard of the same oil was applied and covered with fine sand.

This surface application acted much the same as that on section 1, peeling off badly within a few weeks and it appeared that resealing would be required in the near future.

## SECTIONS 3 AND 4

The portions of these experiments upon which topsoil cover was used originally, broke up badly shortly after construction and were scarified and refinished as topsoil surfaces and left to consolidate for four months and then retreated. The sand-covered portions remained in fair condition.

In pursuance of the original plan to develop a mat of appreciable thickness by subsequent treatments, the entire surface of both experiments was treated with tar of 18 to 25 specific viscosity at  $40^{\circ}$  C. during the following fall. The areas which had been scarified were given about one-third gallon per square yard and about one-fourth gallon per square yard was applied to the remainder. Sand was used as the mineral cover throughout.

The bituminous mats on these experiments were thin and rather brittle and suffered severely from the steel-tire traffic to which they were subjected. This condition was more prevalent on areas of the road where the topsoil was not well bonded.

In March, 1927, those portions which had given particular trouble, aggregating about one-half mile,

were re-treated with 0.4 gallon of tar per square yard. At the same time the remainder of the sections were more lightly treated with one-fourth gallon per square yard. The tar was of 13 to 18 specific viscosity at  $40^{\circ}$  C. and sand was used as the cover.

In general, these sections were in good condition. The mat proved stable and as weak spots were gradually corrected the amount of maintenance required to keep them in repair decreased.



TAR PENETRATION TREATMENT ON SECTIONS 3 AND 4. THE THIN BRITTLE SURFACE BROKE AND SCALED BADLY DURING THE FIRST YEAR BUT WAS MATERIALLY STRENGTHENED BY LATER RE-TREATMENTS

## SECTION 5

This section was in good condition in November, 1925, although a few breaks had occurred in the oil mat. Following the original plan of thickening this mat by repeated treatments, an application of one-fifth gallon of the original slow-curing oil per square yard was made and covered with sand. The surface remained generally in good condition during the summer and winter of 1926. Minor breaks developed early in 1927 and during March of that year the section was again re-treated as before. At the time of inspection the section was in excellent condition. It appeared likely that little maintenance would be required for some time.

## SECTION 6

A large portion of the topsoil surface on this section was poorly bonded. In such places the surface treatment failed in many instances and made a large amount of patching necessary during the first few months.

For the purpose of strengthening and resealing the mat, a treatment of one-fifth gallon per square yard of slow-drying oil and sand was applied in November, 1925, to the whole section with the exception of 800 feet at the west end. The untreated portion was in relatively good condition and it was desired to observe its behavior during the winter.

Numerous breaks developed in the surface mat along the edges during the summer of 1926, and were undoubtedly due to poor support by the topsoil. The repair of these defects and subsequent ordinary maintenance has kept the experiment in good condition and when last inspected no further general re-treatment was thought to be necessary in the near future.

## SECTION 7

The first 3,800 feet of this section was in excellent condition late in the fall of 1925 and was permitted to go through the winter without re-treatment. The remaining portion of the surface had developed numer-

ous breaks and was therefore given an application of tar of 18 to 25 specific viscosity at 40° C. at the rate of one-fifth gallon per square yard. This material was applied cold and was covered with sand.

The latter portion remained in excellent condition during the winter but considerable patching was required on the part upon which the fall re-treatment had been omitted. In March of 1926 this area was given an application of tar at the rate of one-fifth gallon per square yard and covered with sand.

The condition of this experiment has since continued entirely satisfactory.

## SECTION 8

This section was not given a re-treatment in the fall of 1925 with the result that a large amount of patching was required during the winter and early spring.

A re-treatment consisting of one-fifth gallon of a medium quick-curing oil per square yard with a covering of sand, was applied during March, 1926. The surface has since continued in excellent condition and, when last inspected, was not regarded as likely to require early re-treatment.

## SECTION 9

The surface of this section was smooth and showed no defects in the fall of 1925. The portion covered with dolomite chats had an appearance resembling a Topeka pavement, while that on which coarse slag was used possessed a rough and granular texture.

Although some patching was required during the first winter after construction on the portion covered with chats, its condition was, in general, much better than that on which coarse slag was used.

The entire section was given a re-treatment of tar of 8 to 13 specific viscosity at 40° C. and a sand cover during March, 1926. The re-treatment resulted in marked improvement of the surface, and its subsequent behavior has been entirely normal and satisfactory.

## SECTION 10

The surface between stations 574+50 and 622+50 was treated during the late fall after construction with one-fifth gallon of tar of 13 to 18 specific viscosity at 40° C. and covered with sand. All of this section was not treated as it was desired to retain the rough, granular surface of the slag portion over the winter and at the same time secure information as to the need for the early re-treatment.

The portion of the surface which had not been treated in the fall developed many breaks during the winter. These breaks were repaired during March, 1926, and the surface sealed with an application similar to that applied to the other portion during the fall. The entire section was in good condition at the time of inspection.

## SECTION 11

The surface of the north half of this section broke up badly during the first year after construction. On the remaining portion where the underlying topsoil was relatively well bonded the surface was in much better condition.

A surface treatment was applied during November, 1925, using a slow-drying road oil. The oil was covered with sand except for two short sections upon which stone chips were used.

The surface of this experiment has continued in good condition except for a stretch of about 1 mile on which the topsoil was loosely bonded and unsuitable for this type of construction.

## EXPERIENCE INDICATES IMPROVEMENTS IN METHODS OF DOUBLE-SURFACE TREATMENT

Observation of the behavior of the different sections since the time of construction has suggested several changes in the character of the bituminous materials and methods of construction, which it is believed would improve the surface. In a few cases such changes have been carried out in reconstruction. The following discussion touches on such factors as appear from the results of these experiments to have an important effect on the results secured with the different treatments.



A WELL BONDED TOPSOIL SURFACE SUITABLE FOR DOUBLE SURFACE TREATMENT

A well-bonded surface with good support is essential for the double-surface treatment of the kind used on sections 6 to 11, inclusive. Local surface failures which have occurred in these experiments, developed where the topsoil surface was poorly bonded. Such areas may, of course, be anticipated in any topsoil road, but a period of constant and patient maintenance will generally result in a satisfactory bituminous surface.

A priming coat seems to be desirable for this type of construction in order to secure a good bond between the surface bituminous mat and the topsoil, although on a short portion of section 6 where the priming coat was omitted, the surface is still in perfect condition. On this area, however, the application of hot material was heavier than the rest and a thicker mat was originally formed. Tar of 8 to 13 specific viscosity at 40° C. was used as primer. On well-bonded topsoil surfaces the penetration obtained ranged from one-quarter to three-eighths-inch. Greater penetration seemed to be obtained when the topsoil surface was slightly moist than when it was dry and somewhat dusty. Both tar and asphaltic oil were used for binder, and one-third gallon per square yard seemed to be about the correct amount. In one case shoving developed where 0.45 gallon per square yard was used. Both tar and asphaltic oil seem to be equally satisfactory in producing a well-bonded topsoil surface.

A fragile granite ranging from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches in size was used for covering on most of the double surface-treatment experiments. This stone crumbled to a much smaller size under rolling and early traffic. Where a hard, tough slag of the same size was used the surface remained open and rough. Evidently the size used was too large for this type of surface treatment

except in the case of the stone which broke up readily. For a stone of fairly tough character,  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in size should prove more suitable.

A supplementary treatment which will seal any small breaks or areas not sufficiently covered by the first application of heavy material has been shown to be desirable before the original treatment goes through the first winter. On several areas where this treatment was omitted, increased maintenance was needed.

Further experimental work will be required to determine the types of materials most suited for supplementary treatments. Two grades of road oil, slow-drying and quick-drying, respectively, and refined tar of 8 to 13 and 18 to 25 specific viscosity at 40° C. were used for this purpose. In some cases the sections re-treated with a cold application of oil showed somewhat uneven covering, due probably to the shearing action of traffic on the thin soft mat before it had bonded firmly. In the case of the slow-curing oil, brooming the sand covering occasionally for a few days following the treatment seems to aid in securing a more uniform surface mat. Of the two tars, the heavier seems to have given a better seal. It is possible that too much covering material was used for these light bituminous materials.

The purpose of the original seal coat is primarily to seal the surface, while later treatments may be required for this purpose and also to increase the plasticity of the bituminous mat and to add to its thickness. It seems that such results might best be obtained with an occasional light application of a heavier grade of tar or a cut-back oil prepared from an adhesive asphalt base.

The character of the mineral cover is as important as the bituminous material. A clean, coarse sand or stone or slag chips not exceeding one-half inch in maximum size is probably best suited for the purpose.



AN EXAMPLE OF EXCESSIVE SCALING DUE TO THE IMPROPER SELECTION OF SURFACE TREATMENT MATERIALS

Sparing use of coarse sand is preferable if the object is to reseal or enrich the surface. Coarser material applied more heavily should be used in thickening or correcting inequalities in the earlier treatments. The above illustration of similar work on a neighboring project shows an extreme case where materials selected for re-treatments were not suitable for use on the hard smooth surface of the original treatment.

#### MAINTENANCE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR

The double-treated sections have received only one re-treatment which was applied primarily to seal the surface. On a few of the experiments this was applied

before the first winter, while on others re-treatment was not made until a year after the original construction. The question of how often such treatments will be required for the purpose of sealing and adding life and thickness to the bituminous mat has not been answered. South Carolina has several miles of this type of surface which have been in service for three years and have received only the first re-treatment. It is possible that a re-treatment as often as every other year may prove economical by keeping the patrol maintenance cost at a minimum.



APPEARANCE OF DOUBLE SURFACE TREATMENT SHORTLY AFTER CONSTRUCTION. PATROL MAINTENANCE NEEDED AT THIS STAGE TO RESPREAD LOOSE COVERING AND REPAIR BROKEN PLACES

The degree of success to be obtained by this method depends almost as much upon correct maintenance as upon the original treatments. The careful attention devoted to details of construction must not be relaxed in maintenance if the greatest benefits are to be derived.

Patrol maintenance was found to be necessary immediately after the treated surfaces were opened to traffic. It is very important to repair early breaks and respread such stone as may be displaced under traffic. The cost of such maintenance is high during the first six months but thereafter decreases greatly.

A large portion of the patrol maintenance consisted of repairing breaks occurring along the edges. Such breaks developed frequently at places where the topsoil had not been well bonded previous to applying the surface treatment. A substantial reduction in the maintenance cost on surface treatments of this type will result if some method can be devised for strengthening this portion of the surface. The South Carolina highway department is at present experimenting with various methods of edge thickening. However, until a more adequate method is developed, good results can be expected from widening the surface and treating to a greater width.

Maintenance costs on the 3-year-old double surface-treatment experiments of the State highway department indicate the decided economy of such treatments in comparison with untreated surfaces, which for the same traffic conditions cost on the average from \$500 to \$600 per mile per year. The present work was, of course, relatively expensive during the year immediately following construction, but during the last six months the costs have been low, substantiating the conclusion that with proper attention to maintenance ultimate economy may be confidently expected.

Based on the successful results obtained with this type of treatment, South Carolina has recently treated a considerable mileage of well-bonded topsoil roads with double surface treatment.

#### ENCOURAGING RESULTS SECURED WITH MIXING METHOD ON POORLY BONDED SURFACES

A large mileage of the topsoil roads has poorly bonded surfaces. It was hoped to develop a mixing treatment suited to this condition. At first it was thought that the mixture should be sufficiently rich in bitumen to seal itself under traffic. However, experiments based upon this theory proved unsatisfactory because of the shoving that developed. In the reconstruction of such sections a lean mixture was used and a seal coat added. The indications are that his latter construction gives a more stable mixture protected by a richer and better sealed surface.



A TOPSOIL SURFACE LOOSELY BONDED AND NOT SUITABLE FOR DOUBLE SURFACE TREATMENT. A SLOW-DRYING OIL PENETRATION OR MIXED TREATMENT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THIS CONDITION

Tests made on the original mixture taken from the surface showed from 5 to 7 per cent of bituminous binder. Shoving had taken place where the binder occurred in excess of 6 per cent. With the type of soil which constituted the surfacing of the mixed sections, about 1.5 gallons per square yard of nonvolatile binder is required to produce a stable mixture of 2-inch thickness. This quantity of bitumen was insufficient to thoroughly coat the grains of the clay-bearing aggregate used on the mixed sections and the bond was derived in part from the clay. Other experiments have shown that in the absence of clay a sufficient amount of bituminous binder must be provided to entirely coat the particles. Relatively clean, very fine sandy soils may require as high as 10 or 11 per cent by weight of bitumen.

These amounts are, of course, exclusive of the bituminous material required for surface enrichment or seal coating. The body of the base mixture is fragile and easily abraded and must be protected against the action of traffic and weather. In case a highly volatile cut-back bituminous product is used in the mixture, an excess must be provided to compensate for the loss of fluxing material through volatilization.

Refined tar of 18 to 25 specific viscosity at 40° C. was used on section 1. On section 2 a quick-drying road oil was used in the original treatment and a slow-drying oil in the later re-treatment. The tar and quick-drying oil behaved similarly, both producing mixtures which soon became brittle. The slow-drying oil was substituted in the re-treatment of section 2 in order to adapt it to machine maintenance.

Although no particular difficulties were experienced in the construction of these sections, care is needed in mixing and compacting to prevent the formation of rich and lean layers, which tend to occur when compaction of the full depth is attempted in one operation. This tendency was largely overcome by progressively building up the surface layer. After spreading the mixture to the full depth, all except a thin layer was bladed off. Again the material was spread over the road and again it was removed, leaving an added thickness above that which first remained. This process was repeated until the full depth was attained.

The results obtained to date on these two sections do not conclusively establish the value of this type of treatment but the indications are encouraging where the lean mixture and surface enrichment method has been used.

#### COLD SURFACE TREATMENT WITH SLOW-DRYING OIL SUITED FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Sections 3 and 4 were treated originally with tar of 8 to 13 and 18 to 25 specific viscosity at 40° C., respectively. In the later treatment both experiments were combined, using the heavier tar. These sections have required a large amount of maintenance. The thin mat is brittle and breaks very often, particularly under steel-tire traffic. Both sections are in fairly good condition at present and will probably require much less attention in the future. However, future possibilities of this type of treatment can not be considered entirely satisfactory in view of the accumulated maintenance costs.

Section 5 is similar to sections 3 and 4, except that in this section a slow-drying oil was used. It was hoped that by using this material machine maintenance could be used. This was found to be impossible without breaking the thin surface mat. The present condition of the section is very good. The built-up mat is plastic and does not break as readily as that containing tar. Considering the present condition, together with the cost to date, this treatment can be regarded as satisfactory for use on roads carrying light traffic or as a temporary expedient on heavy-traffic routes.

#### TESTS WARRANT CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS

Results obtained with the different experimental treatments up to this time seem to warrant the following general conclusions:

A double surface treatment composed of a prime coat followed with a binder coat of heavy bituminous material and mineral covering is a successful and economical treatment for soil-type roads, provided the surface is well supported and bonded.

Surface treatments of well bonded topsoil roads with light tar are not likely to be successful, as a thin fragile mat is formed which breaks excessively under traffic. Surface treatments of well-bonded topsoil roads with light slow-drying oil, which forms a plastic mat, are likely to prove successful under light traffic or, for a limited period, under heavier traffic.

Results on mixed treatment experiments are inconclusive, but indicate the probable success of lean mixtures supplemented by surface enrichment.

A light supplementary application of bituminous material which will enrich the surface and at the same time seal any small breaks or areas not sufficiently covered has been found to be necessary shortly after the original treatment.



# THE ACTION OF SULPHATE WATER ON CONCRETE<sup>1</sup>

## FURTHER TESTS OF SPECIMENS IMMERSSED IN MEDICINE LAKE, S. DAK.

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Tests on concrete cylinders immersed in the sulphate waters of Medicine Lake, S. Dak., for periods up to three and one-half years have yielded considerable additional data to that contained in the report on the tests made at the end of one year's immersion.<sup>2</sup> As pointed out in the earlier report, these experiments were designed principally to aid in the general improvement of farm draitile and particularly to develop tile that will endure under the wide range of soil conditions peculiar to Minnesota. The results are applicable, however, to many other sections of the United States and to concrete culvert pipe subjected to the action of sulphate waters under conditions similar to those to which draitile are subjected.

In carrying out the field tests, several hundred concrete cylinders of various materials and treatments were immersed in Medicine Lake, S. Dak. The laboratory routine of making the cylinders and the conditions of exposure were discussed in the first report so that only such general details will be reviewed as are necessary to make possible a clear understanding of the data presented.

### TEST CYLINDERS DESCRIBED

Each series of test cylinders consisted of five batches made on different days, and nine cylinders were made from each batch. All cylinders were 2 by 4 inches in size. The concrete cylinders were mixed in the proportion 1:3 by volume with a relative consistency of 1.00 and water ratio of about 0.62. The aggregate passed all standard physical tests and was separated into screen sizes and recombined for each batch to produce a fineness modulus of 4.67. The mortar cylinders were made of standard Ottawa sand as representing fairly well a poorly graded aggregate such as is too often used in smaller size tile.

Extreme care was exercised to make the cylinders of a series as nearly uniform as possible and variables were introduced singly in the different series so that the influence of any variable on the life of cylinders of a series might definitely be determined.

Thirteen different materials were used as admixtures in cylinders. These materials were as follows: Akagel "A," barium chloride, blast-furnace slag, Cal, calcium chloride, Celite, Colloy, Ironite, powdered fuel ash, Trass, Truscon, sulphur, and volcanic ash. The amounts of these materials used expressed as a percentage of the weight of cement used are shown in Tables 2 and 3. Specimens were also surface treated with Inertol, linseed oil, and sulphur.

Special curing conditions included curing in water vapor and steam ranging in temperature from 70° to 285° F. and covered a wide range of variables as to the time of application and duration of the special curing period.

All of the cylinders for exposure in the lake were numbered and placed in copper-nailed wooden crates with a capacity of 50 cylinders each. In all of the crates the cylinders in any vertical row represent the same series. The crates were installed in the lake in about 5 feet of water and were not subjected to freezing and thawing.

### MEDICINE LAKE DESCRIBED

Medicine lake is a natural alkali lake located 18 miles northwest of Watertown, S. Dak. It has stretches of gravel beach, so the conditions for installing field specimens are almost ideal. Analyses of water samples taken at different seasons of the year have shown a total salt content ranging between 2.34 and 4.72 per cent, consisting almost entirely of a combination of magnesium and sodium sulphates in which the magnesium salt greatly predominates. (See Table 1.) These are the salts that have caused trouble in Minnesota. The larger of these two figures represents a total salt content somewhat in excess of any soil water so far found in contact with tile in Minnesota, and much more severe than is ordinarily encountered in agricultural lands anywhere.

TABLE 1.—Analyses of water from Medicine Lake, S. Dak.

[Analyses by the water and beverage laboratory, Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture]

| No.  | Date taken    | Radicals      |       |       |                 |      |                 |                 |                  |        |
|--|---------------|---------------|-------|-------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
|  |               | Na<br>(Calc.) | Ca    | Mg    | NO <sub>3</sub> | Cl   | SO <sub>4</sub> | CO <sub>3</sub> | HCO <sub>3</sub> | Total  |
| MILLIGRAMS PER LITER (PARTS PER 1,000,000) |               |               |       |       |                 |      |                 |                 |                  |        |
| 778.2..                                    | Dec. 10, 1923 | 3,755         | 1,006 | 5,012 | 1               | 580  | 28,898          | 84              | 282              | 39,618 |
| 781.2..                                    | Feb. 14, 1924 | 4,344         | 1,082 | 6,116 | Trace.          | 596  | 34,533          | 54              | 490              | 47,215 |
| 803.2..                                    | Apr. 29, 1924 | 395           | 344   | 4,276 | Trace.          | 396  | 17,585          | 98              | 323              | 23,417 |
| 808.2..                                    | July 1, 1925  | 3,649         | 436   | 4,910 | Trace.          | 464  | 27,067          | 114             | 158              | 36,828 |
| PERCENTAGE REACTING VALUES                 |               |               |       |       |                 |      |                 |                 |                  |        |
| 778.2..                                    | -----         | 13.05         | 4.01  | 32.94 | 0.00            | 1.31 | 48.10           | 0.22            | 0.37             | 100.00 |
| 781.2..                                    | -----         | 12.67         | 3.62  | 33.71 | .00             | 1.13 | 48.22           | .12             | .53              | 100.00 |
| 803.2..                                    | -----         | 2.23          | 2.22  | 45.55 | 1.00            | .45  | 47.44           | .42             | .69              | 100.00 |
| 808.2..                                    | -----         | 13.58         | 1.86  | 34.56 | .00             | 1.12 | 48.25           | .41             | .22              | 100.00 |

For comparative purposes, specimens similar to those immersed in the lake were stored in a tank of ordinary tap water at the laboratory.

Tests have been made on cylinders at periods ranging from one to three and one-half years. Figures 1 to 8 show the condition of the various test groups on removal from the lake. Tables 2 and 3 give data on the character, curing, and results of compression tests on the cylinders for both the concrete and mortar specimens.

### CONCLUSIONS

The time of exposure of the cylinders has been too short to justify drawing definite conclusions for those that as yet show little evidence of deterioration. However, study of the data brings out several facts, the more important of which are stated below.

<sup>1</sup> This report is the result of experiments at the Draitile Laboratory at University Farm, St. Paul, Minn., conducted by the department of agriculture of the University of Minnesota, the Department of Drainage and Waters of the State of Minnesota, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This report has been published under the title "Tests of Concrete Exposed to the Sulfate Waters of Medicine Lake, South Dakota" as University of Minnesota Paper No. 726, Journal Series.

<sup>2</sup> THE ACTION OF SULPHATE WATER ON CONCRETE, Public Roads, vol. 6, No. 8, Oct., 1925.



Cylinders cured in steam at 212° F. after three and one-half years in lake

Cylinders variously cured after three and one-half years in lake. Series 96 was the only one in which the curing temperature reached 212° F.

Cylinders made with high alumina cement A and variously cured after three years in lake

FIG. 1.—CYLINDERS OF VARIOUS SERIES AFTER THREE AND THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS IN MEDICINE LAKE. ALL THE CYLINDERS IN ANY VERTICAL ROW ARE OF THE SAME SERIES AND THE SERIES NUMBER IS SHOWN AT THE TOP

(1) Standard Portland cements from different manufacturing plants vary greatly in resistance. This is evidenced by tests of more than 30 different cements after exposure for one year, and in the case of the 4 cements used in series 257 to 260 it will be noted that after two years exposure the cylinders of series 260 still had an average compressive strength of 4,390 pounds per square inch as compared with strengths of 690, 0, and 0 pounds per square inch for series 257, 258, and 259, respectively. (See Table 2 and fig 4.)

(2) All cylinders of high alumina cements made very satisfactory showings, up to and including three years' exposure, with the exception of the mortar cylinders of high alumina cement B and Ottawa sand mixed in the proportion of 1:5. These cylinders, designated as series 280, had almost completely failed at one year. (Fig. 4.) On the other hand the 1:5 high alumina cement B concrete cylinders of series 290 had a strength of 122 per cent of normal at one year and showed no visible disintegration. (Fig. 5.) The natural inference is that high alumina cements, while more resistant than standard Portland cements, are not of such high resistance as will permit of the use of extremely lean mixes for concrete subject to the action of sulphate waters.

(3) Specimens cured in steam at a temperature of 212° F. continue to make excellent showings in all

series, and, without exception, cylinders so cured in series 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 105, and 106 averaged stronger after three years in the lake than they did at one year. (See Table 2 and fig. 1.)

(4) Cylinders cured in steam at a temperature of 212° F. made equally favorable showings irrespective of brand of cement used in the mix.

(5) There is slight difference between the specimens cured in steam at a temperature of 212° F. and those cured at higher temperatures up to 285°. The left photograph of Figure 6 shows cylinders of series 351 to 355, which taken in numerical order, were cured in temperatures of 190°, 212°, 235°, 260°, and 285°. The fifth cylinder from the top of series 352 shows slight deterioration, while no deterioration is evident in series 353 to 355.

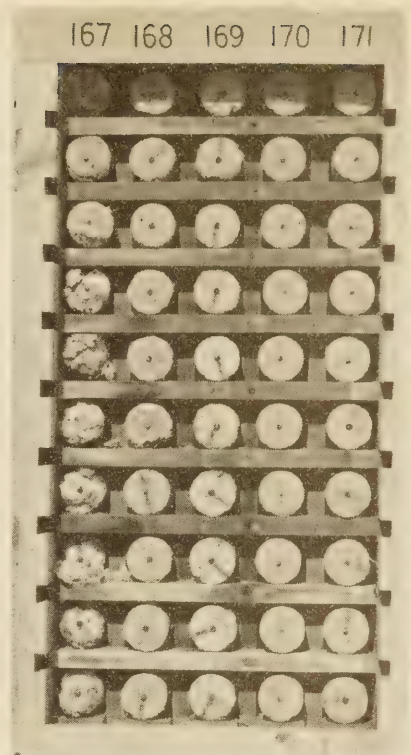
(6) The results secured with admixtures were somewhat indefinite as they were at the end of the first year, but they apparently indicate that certain admixtures, if properly handled, may have sufficient value in developing resistance to justify their use under special conditions. In this connection the cylinders in series 161, 166, 170, 176, and 180 were of greater average strength after two years in the lake than those in the lake or in the laboratory tank at one year. Figures 2 and 3 show the generally excellent appearance of cylinders containing admixtures.



Cylinders with 10 per cent and 40 per cent admixtures of blast-furnace slag, variously cured

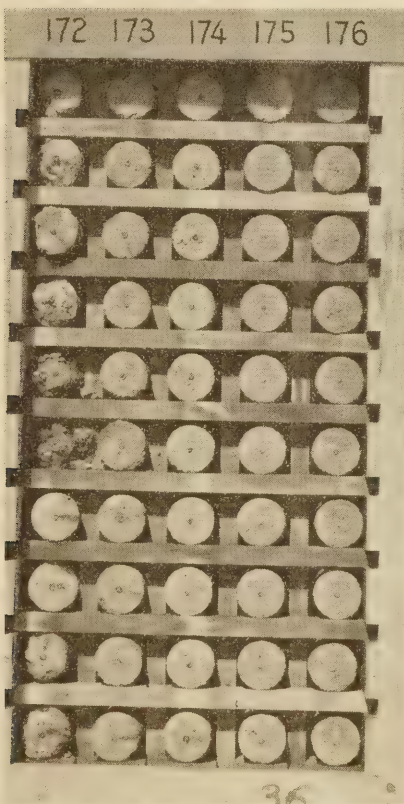


Cylinders with 4 per cent and 8 per cent admixtures of calcium chloride, variously cured

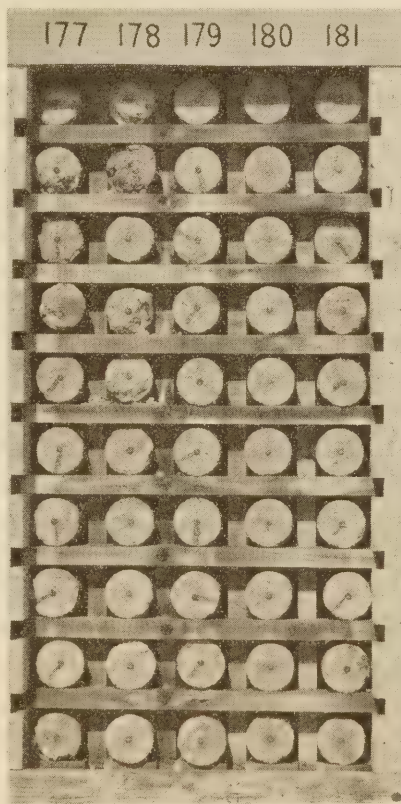


Cylinders with 4 per cent and 8 per cent admixtures of Cal, variously cured

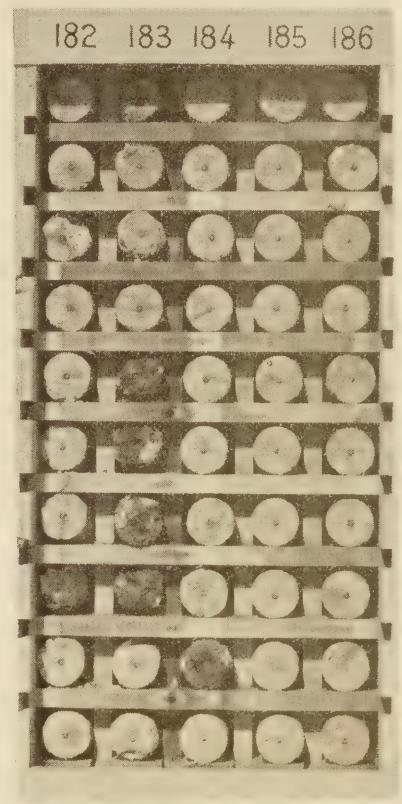
FIG. 2.—CYLINDERS CONTAINING ADMIXTURES AFTER THREE YEARS IN LAKE



Cylinders without admixture and with 20 per cent Ironite admixed and variously cured



Cylinders without admixture and with 20 per cent volcanic ash admixed and variously cured



Cylinders without admixture and with 3 per cent Alkagel "A" admixed and variously cured

FIG. 3.—COMPARISON OF CYLINDERS WITH AND WITHOUT ADMIXTURES AFTER THREE YEARS IN LAKE

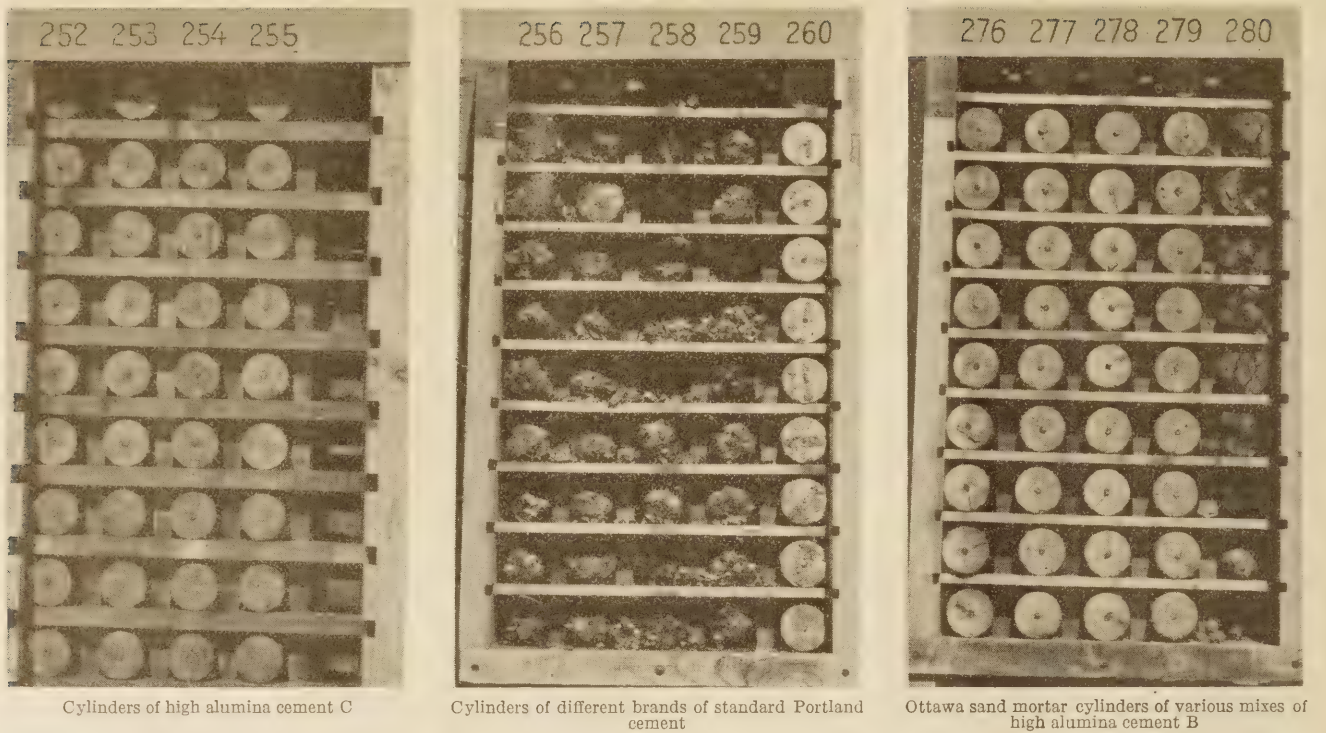
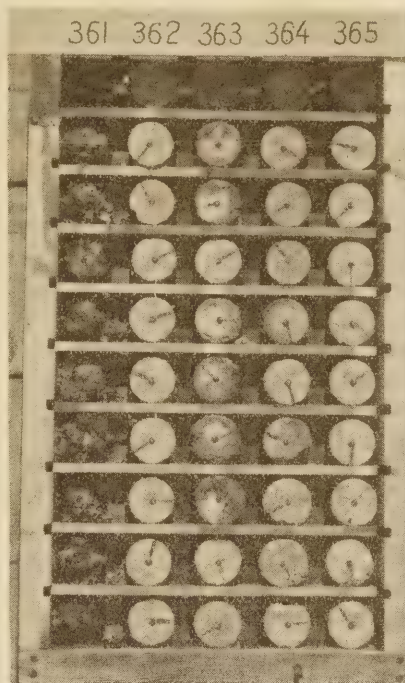
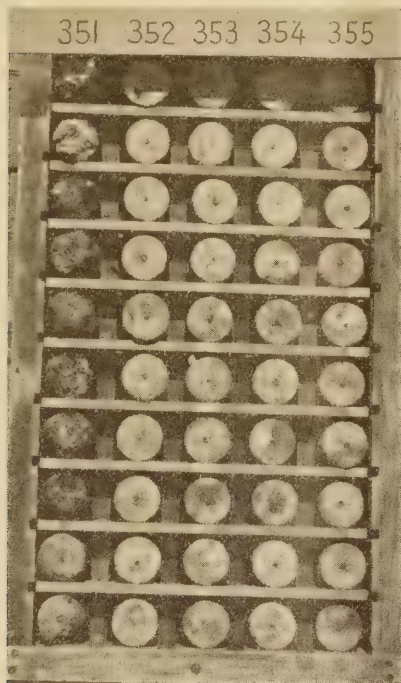


FIG. 4.—COMPARISON OF CYLINDERS OF VARIOUS CEMENTS AFTER TWO YEARS IN LAKE



FIG. 5.—CYLINDERS OF VARIOUS TYPES AFTER TWO YEARS IN LAKE

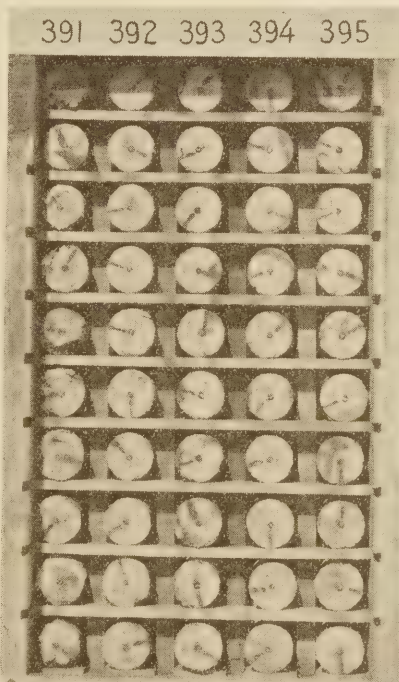
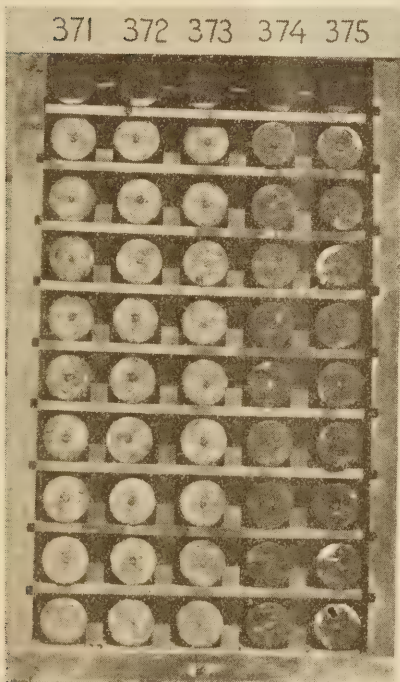


Cylinders cured in water vapor for 12 hours at the following temperatures:  
 Series 351.—190° F.  
 Series 352.—212° F.  
 Series 353.—235° F.  
 Series 354.—260° F.  
 Series 355.—285° F.

Cylinders made with different brands of standard Portland cement.

Cylinders made with different brands of standard Portland cement.

FIG. 6.—CYLINDERS OF VARIOUS TYPES AFTER ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS IN LAKE



Cylinders of series 371 to 373 are of standard Portland cement. Those of 374 and 375 are concrete and mortar cylinders, respectively, treated with Inertol.

Cylinders containing admixtures of Trass ranging from zero on the left to 66 per cent on the right.

Cylinders made with different brands of standard Portland cement.

FIG. 7.—CYLINDERS OF VARIOUS TYPES AFTER ONE YEAR IN LAKE



TABLE 2.—Description and tests of all laboratory standard concrete cylinders immersed in Medicine Lake, S. Dak., and parallel tests on specimens stored in laboratory tanks—Continued

| Series No.       | Cement laboratory No. | Cement                                    | Water ratio | Admixture, impregnation or surface treatment | Curing method        |               |                               |                               |             | Average of compression tests |                        |                        |                        |                        |  |                        |           |  |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------|--|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|-----------|--|
|                  |                       |   |             |  | Time in moist closet | Time in water | Time in water, vapor or steam | Temperature of water or steam | Time in air | Absorption at 21 days        | Tank specimens         |                        |                        |                        | Lake specimens   |                        |           |  |
|                  |                       |   |             |  |                      |               |                               |                               |             |                              | 7 days                 | 28 days                | 1 year                 | 1 year                 | Percent- age of normal strength as indicated by tank specimens at one year | 2 years                | 3 years   |  |
| 166              | 18                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | 0.63        | 4 per cent calcium chloride admixed.         | Hours 24             | Days          | Hours 48                      | ° F. 155                      | Days 35     | Per cent 5.8                 | Lbs. per sq. in. 4,840 | Lbs. per sq. in. 4,920 | Lbs. per sq. in. 4,990 | Lbs. per sq. in. 4,460 | Lbs. per sq. in. 89  | Lbs. per sq. in. 5,840 |           |  |
| 167              | 18                    | do.                                       | .59         | 4 per cent Cal admixed.                      | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               |             | 5.7                          | 3,200                  | 4,150                  | 4,860                  | 3,910                  | 80   | 1,350                  |           |  |
| 168              | 18                    | do.                                       | .60         | 8 per cent Cal admixed.                      | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.8                          | 3,180                  | 4,290                  | 5,570                  | 4,620                  | 83   | 3,690                  |           |  |
| 169              | 18                    | do.                                       | .59         | 4 per cent Cal admixed.                      | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.8                          | 3,250                  | 4,280                  | 4,550                  | 4,800                  | 105  | 3,620                  |           |  |
| 170              | 18                    | do.                                       | .60         | 8 per cent Cal admixed.                      | 24                   |               | 48                            | 155                           | 35          | 6.0                          | 4,990                  | 4,670                  | 5,030                  | 5,010                  | 100  | 6,200                  |           |  |
| 171              | 18                    | do.                                       | .59         | 4 per cent Cal admixed.                      | 24                   |               | 48                            | 155                           | 35          | 6.0                          | 4,550                  | 4,690                  | 5,140                  | 4,980                  | 97   | 5,560                  |           |  |
| 172              | 18                    | do.                                       | .59         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.6                          | 2,870                  | 4,190                  | 5,300                  | 4,370                  | 82   | 2,050                  |           |  |
| 173              | 18                    | do.                                       | .61         | 20 per cent ironite admixed.                 | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.9                          | 2,950                  | 3,980                  | 4,890                  | 5,020                  | 102  | 4,000                  |           |  |
| 174              | 18                    | do.                                       | .59         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 155                           | 35          | 6.1                          | 4,020                  | 4,390                  | 4,330                  | 3,910                  | 90   | 2,670                  |           |  |
| 175              | 18                    | do.                                       | .61         | 20 per cent Ironite admixed.                 | 24                   |               | 48                            | 155                           | 35          | 6.1                          | 3,880                  | 4,440                  | 5,510                  | 4,630                  | 84   | 4,830                  |           |  |
| 176              | 18                    | do.                                       | .61         | do.  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 100                           | 35          | 6.1                          | 3,680                  | 4,220                  | 5,250                  | 5,190                  | 99   | 5,210                  |           |  |
| 177              | 18                    | do.                                       | .59         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.9                          | 2,520                  | 4,200                  | 4,930                  | 3,670                  | 74   | 1,910                  |           |  |
| 178              | 18                    | do.                                       | .74         | 20 per cent volcanic ash admixed.            | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.8                          | 1,900                  | 3,210                  | 5,450                  | 2,960                  | 54   | 1,970                  |           |  |
| 179              | 18                    | do.                                       | .59         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 155                           | 35          | 5.8                          | 4,110                  | 4,510                  | 5,210                  | 3,820                  | 73   | 2,380                  |           |  |
| 180              | 18                    | do.                                       | .74         | 20 per cent volcanic ash admixed.            | 24                   |               | 48                            | 155                           | 35          | 7.6                          | 3,240                  | 3,340                  | 4,440                  | 3,600                  | 81   | 4,510                  |           |  |
| 181              | 18                    | do.                                       | .74         | do.  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 100                           | 35          | 7.3                          | 2,710                  | 2,820                  | 5,130                  | 4,290                  | 84   | 3,590                  |           |  |
| 182              | 18                    | do.                                       | .59         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.0                          | 2,800                  | 4,010                  | 5,780                  | 4,450                  | 77   | 2,100                  |           |  |
| 183              | 18                    | do.                                       | .63         | 3 per cent Alkagel "A" admixed.              | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.3                          | 2,260                  | 3,560                  | 4,570                  | 3,520                  | 77   | 2,140                  |           |  |
| 184              | 18                    | do.                                       | .59         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 155                           | 35          | 6.0                          | 4,070                  | 4,530                  | 5,100                  | 4,240                  | 83   | 4,700                  |           |  |
| 185              | 18                    | do.                                       | .63         | 3 per cent Alkagel "A" admixed.              | 24                   |               | 48                            | 155                           | 35          | 5.0                          | 3,280                  | 3,940                  | 4,570                  | 3,300                  | 72   | 3,900                  |           |  |
| 186              | 18                    | do.                                       | .63         | do.  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 100                           | 35          | 5.4                          | 3,120                  | 3,730                  | 3,820                  | 3,550                  | 93   | 3,060                  |           |  |
| 208-212          | 25                    | High alumina B.                           | .61         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 4.9                          | 6,700                  | 6,780                  | 6,280                  | 7,420                  | 118  | 7,690(95)              | 7,240(91) |  |
| 243-247          | 28                    | Special A 1.                              | .60         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.2                          | 2,910                  | 3,770                  | 5,370                  | 4,080                  | 75   | 780(12)                | 0         |  |
| 252-253          | 58                    | High alumina C.                           | .53         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.4                          | 7,730                  | 7,230                  | 7,480                  | 7,010                  | 94   | 7,430                  |           |  |
| 256              | 61                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .59         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.8                          | 2,780                  | 3,950                  | 5,200                  | 1,480                  | 28   | 120                    |           |  |
| 257              | 63                    | Portland A.                               | .59         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.8                          | 2,720                  | 4,290                  | 5,490                  | 3,190                  | 58   | 690                    |           |  |
| 258              | 62                    | Portland B1.                              | .59         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.8                          | 2,960                  | 3,790                  | 4,580                  | 800                    | 17   | 0                      |           |  |
| 259              | 33                    | Portland D.                               | .59         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.4                          | 3,340                  | 4,780                  | 5,900                  | 1,590                  | 27   | 0                      |           |  |
| 260              | 34                    | Portland C.                               | .66         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.1                          | 3,340                  | 4,540                  | 5,980                  | 5,080                  | 85   | 4,390                  |           |  |
| 286 <sup>2</sup> | 27                    | High alumina B.                           | .44         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.1                          | 7,490                  | 6,820                  | 8,080                  | 8,460                  | 106  |                        |           |  |
| 287-288          | 27                    | do.                                       | .53         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 4.9                          | 7,080                  | 6,620                  | 8,160                  | 8,210                  | 101  | 7,400                  |           |  |
| 289 <sup>3</sup> | 27                    | do.                                       | .67         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.3                          | 6,560                  | 6,680                  | 6,290                  | 6,160                  | 98   |                        |           |  |
| 290 <sup>4</sup> | 27                    | do.                                       | .81         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.8                          | 4,640                  | 4,840                  | 4,150                  | 5,180                  | 122  |                        |           |  |
| 291 <sup>4</sup> | 58                    | High alumina C.                           | .79         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.5                          | 4,360                  | 4,630                  | 2,910                  | 4,370                  | 150  |                        |           |  |
| 296              | 61                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.5                          | 3,330                  | 3,660                  | 5,020                  | 4,390                  | 88   |                        |           |  |
| 297              | 63                    | Portland A.                               | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.4                          | 3,650                  | 3,660                  | 4,680                  | 4,600                  | 98   |                        |           |  |
| 298              | 62                    | Portland B1.                              | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.9                          | 3,700                  | 3,830                  | 4,580                  | 4,480                  | 98   |                        |           |  |
| 299              | 33                    | Portland D.                               | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.4                          | 3,690                  | 3,770                  | 4,620                  | 4,270                  | 92   |                        |           |  |
| 300              | 34                    | Portland C.                               | .67         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.6                          | 3,880                  | 4,540                  | 4,940                  | 4,890                  | 99   |                        |           |  |
| 301              | 61                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.5                          | 3,690                  | 3,610                  | 4,500                  | 4,480                  | 100  |                        |           |  |
| 302              | 35                    | Portland E.                               | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.2                          | 3,540                  | 3,530                  | 4,550                  | 4,450                  | 98   |                        |           |  |
| 303              | 37                    | Portland F.                               | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.0                          | 3,550                  | 3,900                  | 5,060                  | 4,920                  | 97   |                        |           |  |
| 304              | 39                    | Portland G1.                              | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.2                          | 3,740                  | 3,920                  | 4,990                  | 4,680                  | 94   |                        |           |  |
| 305              | 41                    | Portland H.                               | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.1                          | 3,730                  | 3,840                  | 4,860                  | 4,410                  | 91   |                        |           |  |
| 306              | 61                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.2                          | 3,280                  | 3,920                  | 4,480                  | 4,410                  | 98   |                        |           |  |
| 307              | 40                    | Portland I.                               | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 5.9                          | 3,420                  | 4,150                  | 5,090                  | 4,190                  | 82   |                        |           |  |
| 308              | 42                    | Portland J.                               | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.4                          | 2,650                  | 3,240                  | 4,680                  | 3,480                  | 74   |                        |           |  |
| 309              | 55                    | Portland K1.                              | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.5                          | 3,260                  | 4,200                  | 4,950                  | 4,910                  | 99   |                        |           |  |
| 310              | 60                    | Portland L1.                              | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 6.2                          | 3,260                  | 3,870                  | 5,000                  | 4,460                  | 88   |                        |           |  |
| 311              | 65                    | Portland M.                               | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 212                           | 53          | 5.5                          | 4,660                  | 5,580                  | 5,810                  | 5,570                  | 96   |                        |           |  |
| 313              | 65                    | do.                                       | .60         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.9                          | 3,150                  | 3,950                  | 6,050                  | 2,250                  | 37   |                        |           |  |
| 314              | 65                    | do.                                       | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 155                           | 53          | 6.0                          | 4,460                  | 4,010                  | 6,170                  | 5,430                  | 88   |                        |           |  |
| 315              | 65                    | do.                                       | .60         |  | 24                   |               | 48                            | 100                           | 53          | 6.2                          | 3,740                  | 3,800                  | 5,970                  | 4,230                  | 71   |                        |           |  |
| 351              | 74                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 12                            | 190                           | 54          | 6.6                          | 2,650                  | 2,940                  | 5,320                  | 1,730                  | 33   |                        |           |  |
| 352              | 74                    | do.                                       | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 12                            | 235                           | 54          | 6.9                          | 2,450                  | 2,910                  | 5,230                  | 4,240                  | 81   |                        |           |  |
| 353              | 74                    | do.                                       | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 12                            | 260                           | 54          | 7.3                          | 1,900                  | 2,750                  | 4,780                  | 3,800                  | 79   |                        |           |  |
| 354              | 74                    | do.                                       | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 12                            | 260                           | 54          | 7.1                          | 2,270                  | 2,490                  | 4,880                  | 3,760                  | 77   |                        |           |  |
| 355              | 74                    | do.                                       | .62         |  | 24                   |               | 12                            | 285                           | 54          | 7.2                          | 2,260                  | 2,870                  | 4,340                  | 3,870                  | 89   |                        |           |  |

<sup>2</sup>Mix 1:2.

<sup>3</sup>Mix 1:4.

<sup>4</sup>Mix 1:5.

TABLE 2.—Description and tests of all laboratory standard concrete cylinders immersed in Medicine Lake, S. Dak., and parallel tests on specimens stored in laboratory tanks—Continued

| Series No.        | Cement laboratory No. | Cement  | Water ratio | Admixture, impregnation or surface treatment | Curing method        |               |                               |                               |             | Average of compression tests |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |                  |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------|--|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|
|                   |                       |   |             |  | Time in moist closet | Time in water | Time in water, vapor or steam | Temperature of water or steam | Time in air | Absorption at 21 days        | Tank specimens   |                  |                  | Lake specimens   |  |                  |                  |
|                   |                       |   |             |  |                      |               |                               |                               |             |                              | 7 days           | 28 days          | 1 year           | 1 year           | Percent- age of normal strength as indicated by tank specimens at one year | 2 years          | 3 years          |
|                   |                       |   |             |  | Hours                | Days          | Hours                         | ° F.                          | Days        | Per cent                     | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in.   | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in. |
| 361               | 80                    | Portland F  | 0.62        |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.3                          | 2,870            | 4,320            | 6,350            | 0                | 0  |                  |                  |
| 362               | 79                    | Portland N1   | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.1                          | 3,220            | 4,600            | 6,970            | 4,000            | 57   |                  |                  |
| 363               | 89                    | Portland O1   | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.9                          | 4,010            | 5,220            | 6,730            | 4,670            | 10   |                  |                  |
| 364               | 81                    | Portland E  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.8                          | 3,340            | 4,770            | 7,320            | 2,910            | 40   |                  |                  |
| 365               | 83                    | Portland H  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.1                          | 3,940            | 4,770            | 6,280            | 3,680            | 59   |                  |                  |
| 366               | 77, 96                | Portland G2   | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.0                          | 4,050            | 4,820            | 5,900            | 1,930            | 35   |                  |                  |
| 367               | 82, 95                | Portland C  | .67         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.8                          | 3,220            | 4,320            | 6,270            | 4,790            | 76   |                  |                  |
| 368               | 85, 94                | Portland D  | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.4                          | 3,390            | 4,130            | 5,730            | 2,980            | 52   |                  |                  |
| 369               | 86, 99                | Portland I  | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.1                          | 3,590            | 4,370            | 6,110            | 4,470            | 73   |                  |                  |
| 370               | 87, 88                | Portland P  | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.1                          | 3,730            | 5,040            | 6,540            | 3,810            | 12   |                  |                  |
| 371               | 84                    | Portland L2   | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.8                          | 3,690            | 5,000            | 5,770            | 3,170            | 55   |                  |                  |
| 372               | 97                    | Portland K2   | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.4                          | 3,120            | 4,440            | 5,720            | 4,600            | 80   |                  |                  |
| 373               | 98                    | Portland K1   | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.1                          | 4,220            | 4,970            | 7,050            | 3,400            | 48   |                  |                  |
| 374               | 74                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B  | .62         | Two coats Inertel                            | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.7                          | 2,930            | 4,870            | 5,570            |                  | 97   |                  |                  |
| 391               | 74                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.3                          | 3,130            | 4,890            | 6,060            | 2,480            | 41   |                  |                  |
| 392               | 74                    | do  | .76         | 33 per cent Trass admixed.                   | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 7.3                          | 2,710            | 3,830            | 5,790            | 5,040            | 87   |                  |                  |
| 392a <sup>3</sup> | 74                    | do  | .85         | do   | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 7.1                          | 2,430            | 3,450            | 5,260            | 4,170            | 79   |                  |                  |
| 393               | 74                    | do  | .93         | 66 per cent Trass admixed.                   | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 9.1                          | 1,930            | 3,350            | 4,600            | 4,400            | 96   |                  |                  |
| 393a <sup>4</sup> | 74                    | do  | 1.09        | do   | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 8.4                          | 1,440            | 2,670            | 4,270            | 3,660            | 86   |                  |                  |
| 394               | 86                    | Portland I  | .78         | 33 per cent Trass admixed.                   | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.8                          | 3,330            | 4,690            | 6,620            | 5,300            | 80   |                  |                  |
| 394a <sup>3</sup> | 86                    | do  | .87         | do   | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.7                          | 3,000            | 3,850            | 6,170            | 4,140            | 67   |                  |                  |
| 395               | 86                    | do  | .95         | 66 per cent Trass admixed.                   | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 7.6                          | 2,710            | 3,770            | 6,060            | 4,300            | 71   |                  |                  |
| 395a <sup>4</sup> | 86                    | do  | 1.09        | do   | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 7.3                          | 2,280            | 3,380            | 4,090            | 3,810            | 93   |                  |                  |
| 396               | 70, 71                | High alumina B  | .44         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.9                          | 5,300            | 5,760            | 6,110            | 5,780            | 95   |                  |                  |
| 397               | 70, 71                | do  | .53         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 4.9                          | 6,660            | 7,120            | 8,100            | 7,580            | 94   |                  |                  |
| 398               | 70, 71                | do  | .59         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.3                          | 6,890            | 7,210            | 8,630            | 7,390            | 86   |                  |                  |
| 399               | 70, 71                | do  | .73         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.3                          | 5,950            | 5,710            | 6,440            | 5,400            | 84   |                  |                  |
| 400               | 70, 71                | do  | .88         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 7.6                          | 5,140            | 4,230            | 3,480            | 3,790            | 108  |                  |                  |
| 401               | 100                   | Portland Q1   | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.4                          | 2,900            | 4,310            | 5,110            | 0                | 0  |                  |                  |
| 402               | 101                   | Portland R  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.3                          | 3,680            | 4,940            | 6,290            | 2,440            | 39   |                  |                  |
| 403               | 102                   | Portland N2   | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.9                          | 3,860            | 5,640            | 6,630            | 4,410            | 67   |                  |                  |
| 404               | 103                   | Portland S  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.0                          | 3,010            | 4,380            | 5,470            | 3,160            | 58   |                  |                  |
| 405               | 104                   | Portland T  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.4                          | 2,940            | 4,350            | 5,530            | 280              | 5  |                  |                  |
| 412               | 105                   | Portland Q2   | .66         | 2½ per cent Celite admixed.                  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.4                          | 3,530            | 5,050            | 6,670            | 3,760            | 56   |                  |                  |
| 413               | 105                   | do  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.7                          | 3,520            | 5,390            | 6,500            | 4,300            | 66   |                  |                  |
| 414               | 106                   | Portland U  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.1                          | 3,030            | 4,410            | 6,430            | 2,490            | 39   |                  |                  |
| 415               | 107                   | Portland V  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.5                          | 2,830            | 4,540            | 5,920            | 2,940            | 50   |                  |                  |
| 416               | 108                   | Portland W  | .62         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 5.8                          | 3,670            | 5,010            | 6,510            | 1,490            | 23   |                  |                  |
| 421 <sup>5</sup>  | 74                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B  | .37         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 15.8                         | 6,330            | 7,630            | 8,600            | 8,990            | 105  |                  |                  |
| 422 <sup>5</sup>  | 97, 98                | Portland K1 and K2  | .35         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 10.5                         | 6,890            | 9,880            | 9,560            | 10,230           | 107  |                  |                  |
| 423 <sup>5</sup>  | 86, 99                | Portland I  | .38         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 12.1                         | 8,020            | 9,330            | 9,720            | 9,380            | 97   |                  |                  |
| 424 <sup>5</sup>  | 82, 95                | Portland C  | .42         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 14.8                         | 7,080            | 8,560            | 10,120           | 8,920            | 88   |                  |                  |
| 425 <sup>5</sup>  | 83                    | Portland H  | .36         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 13.6                         | 6,140            | 7,290            | 10,480           | 9,910            | 95   |                  |                  |
| 429 <sup>5</sup>  | 70, 71                | High alumina B  | .35         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 9.7                          | 9,460            | 8,420            | 10,440           | 9,330            | 89   |                  |                  |
| 430               | 97, 98                | Portland K1 and K2  | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            | 12                            | 285                           | 54          | 6.6                          | 2,960            | 3,470            | 3,950            | 3,680            | 96   |                  |                  |
| 431               | 86, 99                | Portland I  | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            | 12                            | 285                           | 54          | 6.1                          | 3,650            | 4,150            | 4,470            | 4,290            | 93   |                  |                  |
| 432               | 82, 95                | Portland C  | .67         |  | 24                   | 20            | 12                            | 285                           | 54          | 6.9                          | 3,330            | 3,820            | 5,530            | 4,930            | 89   |                  |                  |
| 433               | 83                    | Portland H  | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            | 12                            | 285                           | 54          | 6.5                          | 3,460            | 3,950            | 5,110            | 4,840            | 95   |                  |                  |
| 434               | 74                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B  | .66         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.4                          | 2,590            | 4,030            | 5,050            | 4,870            | 96   |                  |                  |
| 435               | 70, 71, 74            | 5 per cent high alumina B, 47.5 per cent Portland A, and 47.5 per cent Portland B | .66         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.3                          | 2,630            | 3,880            | 5,490            | 4,100            | 75   |                  |                  |
| 436               | 70, 71, 74            | 10 per cent high alumina B, 45 per cent Portland A and 45 per cent Portland B     | .66         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 6.2                          | 2,260            | 3,760            | 4,820            | 2,720            | 56   |                  |                  |
| 437               | 70, 71, 74            | 20 per cent high alumina B, 40 per cent Portland A and 40 per cent Portland B     | .66         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                               | 35          | 7.0                          | 1,360            | 2,830            | 3,640            | 3,320            | 91   |                  |                  |

<sup>3</sup> Mix 1:4.

<sup>4</sup> Mix 1:5.

<sup>5</sup> Neat cement.



TABLE 2.—Description and tests of all laboratory standard concrete cylinders immersed in Medicine Lake, S. Dak., and parallel tests on specimens stored in laboratory tanks—Continued

| Series No.       | Cement laboratory No. | Cement                                    | Water ratio | Admixture, impregnation or surface treatment | Curing method        |                       |                               |                               |                  | Average of compression tests |                  |                  |        |        |  |         |         |  |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|--------|--|---------|---------|--|
|                  |                       |   |             |  | Time in moist closet | Time in water         | Time in water, vapor or steam | Temperature of water or steam | Time in air      | Absorption at 21 days        | Tank specimens   |                  |        |        | Lake specimens   |         |         |  |
|                  |                       |   |             |  |                      |                       |                               |                               |                  |                              | 7 days           | 28 days          | 1 year | 1 year | Percentage of normal strength as indicated by tank specimens at one year | 2 years | 3 years |  |
| Hours            | Days                  | Hours                                     | ° F.        | Days   | Pcr cent             | Lbs. per sq. in.      | Lbs. per sq. in.              | Lbs. per sq. in.              | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in.             | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in. |        |        |  |         |         |  |
| 438              | 70.71                 | High alumina B                            | 0.66        |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 5.8              | 7,080            | 7,790  | 7,820  | 7,220  | 92      |         |  |
| 464              | 109                   | Portland B2                               | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 5.8              | 3,740            | 5,010  | 7,070  | 5,950  | 84      |         |  |
| 465              | 110                   | Portland B2                               | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 5.5              | 3,660            | 4,920  | 6,910  | 4,850  | 70      |         |  |
| 466              | 111                   | Portland B3                               | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 5.7              | 3,810            | 5,020  | 5,860  | 3,960  | 68      |         |  |
| 467              | 112                   | Portland X                                | .54         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           |                  | 2,830            | 4,390  | 4,820  | 4,830  | 100     |         |  |
| 468              | 113                   | Portland O3                               | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.3              | 2,140            | 3,940  | 6,000  | 5,590  | 93      |         |  |
| 549              | 129                   | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    | Water at 212°-½ min.          |                               |                  | 3                            |                  |                  |        |        |  |         |         |  |
|                  |                       |   |             |  |                      |                       |                               |                               |                  | 32                           | 5.8              | 3,790            | 4,770  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 550              | 129                   | do.                                       | .62         | One coat boiled linseed oil at 70° F.        | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 5.8              | 3,540            | 4,960  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 551              | 129                   | do.                                       | .62         | Two coats boiled linseed oil at 70° F.       | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 5.8              | 3,730            | 5,260  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 552              | 129                   | do.                                       | .62         | One coat boiled linseed oil at 225° F.       | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 5.8              | 3,430            | 4,680  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 553              | 129                   | do.                                       | .62         | Two coats boiled linseed oil at 225° F.      | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 5.8              | 3,750            | 4,960  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 554              | 129                   | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.3              | 3,570            | 4,760  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 555              | 128                   | Portland Y                                | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.0              | 3,780            | 4,670  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 556              | 127                   | Special A2                                | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.0              | 3,200            | 4,720  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 557              | 128                   | Portland Y                                | .73         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.4              | 2,760            | 4,250  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 558              | 127                   | Special A2                                | .73         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.6              | 2,280            | 4,480  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 559 <sup>6</sup> | 129                   | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .62         |  | 24                   | 20 days in damp sand. |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 8.3              | 3,340            | 4,530  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 560 <sup>6</sup> | 128                   | Portland Y                                | .62         |  | 24                   | 20 days in damp sand. |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 8.2              | 3,550            | 5,160  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 561 <sup>6</sup> | 127                   | Special A2                                | .62         |  | 24                   | 20 days in damp sand. |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 7.9              | 3,260            | 4,720  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 562 <sup>6</sup> | 128                   | Portland Y                                | .71         |  | 24                   | 20 days in damp sand  |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 9.2              | 2,720            | 4,290  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 563 <sup>6</sup> | 127                   | Special A2                                | .71         |  | 24                   | 20 days in damp sand  |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 9.1              | 2,290            | 4,520  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 564-565          | 129                   | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .62         | 2½ per cent powdered fuel ash admixed.       | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.3              | 3,580            | 5,100  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 566              | 129                   | do.                                       | .64         | 5 per cent powdered fuel ash admixed.        | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.4              | 3,300            | 4,760  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 567-568          | 129                   | do.                                       | .67         | 10 per cent powdered fuel ash admixed.       | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.3              | 3,390            | 5,080  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 573              | 130                   | Special B                                 | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.3              | 4,140            | 4,800  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 574              | 131                   | Special C                                 | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.6              | 3,490            | 4,580  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 575              | 132                   | Portland Z                                | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.0              | 4,760            | 5,160  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 576              | 133                   | Portland A A                              | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.0              | 3,460            | 4,820  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 577              | 134                   | Portland G1                               | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.3              | 3,910            | 5,610  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 578              | 129                   | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .62         | 1 per cent Truscon admixed.                  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           |                  | 3,370            | 4,700  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 579              | 129                   | do.                                       | .62         | 2 per cent Truscon admixed.                  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           |                  | 3,370            | 4,580  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 580              | 129                   | do.                                       | .62         | 4 per cent Truscon admixed.                  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           |                  | 3,020            | 3,980  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 581              | 129                   | do.                                       | .62         | 6 per cent barium chloride admixed.          | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.5              | 3,530            | 4,570  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 582              | 129                   | do.                                       | .62         | 12 per cent barium chloride admixed.         | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.7              | 3,240            | 4,460  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 583              | 139                   | do.                                       | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.3              | 3,810            | 4,950  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 584              | 139                   | do.                                       | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    | 1 min.                        | 212                           |                  | 35                           | 6.3              | 3,740            | 5,150  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 585              | 139                   | do.                                       | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    | 1 min.                        | 212                           |                  | 55                           | 6.4              | 2,770            | 2,860  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 586-587          | 139                   | do.                                       | .62         |  | 24                   | 20                    | 1 min.                        |                               |                  | 54                           | 6.6              | 2,970            | 2,920  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 634              | 139                   | do.                                       | .64         | 2 per cent Celite admixed.                   | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.1              | 3,260            | 5,340  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 635-636          | 139                   | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    | 48                            | 212                           |                  | 53                           | 6.3              | 3,960            | 4,330  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 637-638          | 139                   | do.                                       | .64         | 2 per cent Celite admixed.                   | 24                   | 20                    | 48                            | 212                           |                  | 53                           | 6.2              | 4,160            | 4,730  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 639              | 139                   | do.                                       | .64         | 2 per cent Colloy admixed.                   | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.5              | 3,630            | 4,610  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 640              | 139                   | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    |                               |                               |                  | 35                           | 6.5              | 3,320            | 4,470  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 641              | 139                   | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   | 20                    | 48                            | 212                           |                  | 53                           | 6.9              | 3,590            | 3,760  |        |  |         |         |  |
| 642-643          | 139                   | do.                                       | .64         | 2 per cent Colloy admixed.                   | 24                   | 20                    | 48                            | 212                           |                  | 53                           | 6.8              | 3,870            | 4,100  |        |  |         |         |  |

<sup>2</sup> Mix 1:2.

<sup>5</sup> Neat cement.

<sup>6</sup> Mix 1:2.25 and fineness modulus 3.10.

TABLE 3.—Description and tests of standard Ottawa sand cylinders immersed in Medicine Lake, N. Dak., and parallel tests on specimens stored in laboratory tanks

(U unless otherwise noted the mix is 1:3. Each test result, with a few exceptions, is an average of five cylinders made on different days.)

| Series No.       | Cement laboratory No. | Cement                                    | Water ratio | Admixture, impregnation or surface treatment | Curing method        |               |                               |                                       |             | Absorption at 21 days | Average of compression tests |                  |                  |                  |  |                      |                      |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------|--|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|                  |                       |   |             |  | Time in moist closet | Time in water | Time in water, vapor or steam | Temperature of water, vapor, or steam | Time in air |                       | Tank specimens               |                  |                  | Lake specimens   |  |                      |                      |
|                  |                       |   |             |  |                      |               |                               |                                       |             |                       | 7 days                       | 28 days          | 1 year           | 1 year           | Percentage of normal strength as indicated by tank specimens at one year | 2 years <sup>1</sup> | 3 years <sup>1</sup> |
|                  |                       |   |             |  | Hours                | Days          | Hours                         | ° F.                                  | Days        |                       | Per cent.                    | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in. | Lbs. per sq. in.   | Lbs. per sq. in.     | Lbs. per sq. in.     |
| 107              | 17                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | 0.64        |  | 24                   |               |                               |                                       | 25          | 9.8                   | 2,660                        | 3,080            | 3,580            | 770              |  |                      | 0                    |
| 108              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               | 24                            | 155                                   | 25          | 9.8                   | 2,590                        | 2,910            | 2,930            | 2,540            | 87   |                      | 3,390                |
| 109              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               | 24                            | 155                                   | 24          | 9.6                   | 2,670                        | 3,220            | 3,490            | 930              | 27   | 0                    | 0                    |
| 110              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               | 24                            | 155                                   | 24          | 9.5                   | 2,600                        | 3,160            | 2,940            | 2,720            | 93   |                      | 3,160                |
| 111              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               | 24                            | 155                                   | 24          | 9.7                   | 2,510                        | 31,30            | 2,630            | 2,450            | 93   |                      | 2,820                |
| 112              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   | 27            |                               | 212                                   |             | 10.0                  | 1,650                        | 2,630            | 3,540            | 1,790            | 51   | 0                    | 0                    |
| 113              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 72                   |               |                               | 100                                   | 25          | 10.7                  | 2,000                        | 2,000            | 2,980            | 840              | 28   | 0                    | 0                    |
| 114              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 25          | 10.1                  | 2,270                        | 2,790            | 3,040            | 630              | 21   | 0                    | 0                    |
| 115              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 25          | 10.1                  | 2,730                        | 2,900            | 3,400            | 860              | 25   | 0                    | 0                    |
| 116              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 212                                   | 25          | 10.3                  | 2,220                        | 2,470            | 2,500            | 2,430            | 97   | 2,580                |                      |
| 127              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 53          | 9.1                   | 2,530                        | 2,710            | 3,460            | 2,280            | 66   |                      |                      |
| 128              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 212                                   | 53          | 9.1                   | 2,350                        | 2,480            | 2,830            | 3,180            | 112  |                      |                      |
| 129              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 52          | 9.0                   | 2,700                        | 3,120            | 3,320            | 1,970            | 59   |                      |                      |
| 130              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 52          | 9.1                   | 2,750                        | 2,720            | 2,880            | 2,080            | 109  |                      |                      |
| 131              | 17                    | do.                                       | .64         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 212                                   | 52          | 9.2                   | 2,630                        | 2,470            | 2,600            | 2,560            | 98   |                      |                      |
| 132              | 14                    | High alumina A.                           | .65         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 25          | 8.1                   | 2,250                        | 2,910            | 2,760            | 2,790            | 101  | 2,930                |                      |
| 133              | 14                    | do.                                       | .65         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 25          | 8.0                   | 2,280                        | 2,680            | 2,080            | 2,900            | 139  | 3,140                |                      |
| 134              | 14                    | do.                                       | .65         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 24          | 8.0                   | 2,470                        | 2,850            | 2,440            | 2,840            | 116  | 3,120                |                      |
| 135              | 14                    | do.                                       | .65         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 212                                   | 24          | 7.8                   | 2,620                        | 2,960            | 2,650            | 2,590            | 98   | 2,930                |                      |
| 136              | 14                    | do.                                       | .65         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 24          | 7.8                   | 2,550                        | 2,930            | 2,630            | 2,580            | 98   | 3,170                |                      |
| 142              | 14                    | do.                                       | .63         |  | 24                   | 27            |                               | 212                                   |             | 8.7                   | 2,910                        | 3,600            | 3,590            | 4,060            | 113  |                      |                      |
| 143              | 14                    | do.                                       | .63         |  | 72                   |               |                               | 100                                   | 25          | 9.3                   | 4,220                        | 4,430            | 4,220            | 4,310            | 102  |                      |                      |
| 144              | 14                    | do.                                       | .63         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 155                                   | 25          | 9.1                   | 4,320                        | 4,640            | 3,750            | 4,490            | 120  |                      |                      |
| 145              | 14                    | do.                                       | .63         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 212                                   | 25          | 8.1                   | 2,200                        | 2,760            | 2,780            | 2,620            | 94   |                      |                      |
| 146              | 14                    | do.                                       | .63         |  | 24                   |               |                               | 48                                    | 25          | 7.8                   | 2,500                        | 2,870            | 2,500            | 3,010            | 120  |                      |                      |
| 248-250          | 10                    | Special A3.                               | .63         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               | 212                                   | 35          | 9.5                   | 1,430                        | 2,730            | 3,750            | 3,280            | 87   | 1,930(45)            | 800(20)              |
| 254-255          | 58                    | High alumina C.                           | .60         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 9.3                   | 5,010                        | 4,850            | 2,920            | 4,340            | 149  | 4,380                |                      |
| 276 <sup>2</sup> | 27                    | High alumina B.                           | .44         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 6.3                   | 6,210                        | 7,680            | 6,490            | 8,000            | 123  |                      |                      |
| 277-278          | 27                    | do.                                       | .59         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 8.3                   | 5,060                        | 4,830            | 5,110            | 5,560            | 109  | 5,060                |                      |
| 279 <sup>3</sup> | 27                    | do.                                       | .73         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 10.2                  | 3,380                        | 3,090            | 3,250            | 3,730            | 115  |                      |                      |
| 280 <sup>4</sup> | 27                    | do.                                       | .99         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 11.8                  | 2,160                        | 1,920            | 1,680            | 700              | 42   | 0                    |                      |
| 292 <sup>4</sup> | 58                    | High alumina C.                           | .90         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 12.3                  | 2,130                        | 1,820            | 1,130            | 920              | 81   | 0                    |                      |
| 293              | 19                    | One-half Portland A, one-half Portland B. | .64         |  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 9.9                   | 1,420                        | 2,240            | 3,850            | 2,140            | 56   | 1,340                |                      |
| 294              | 19                    | do.                                       | .64         | Sulphur impregnated.                         | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 9.9                   | 1,350                        | 2,210            | 3,130            | 1,500            | 48   | 970                  |                      |
| 295              | 19                    | do.                                       | .67         | 10 per cent sulphur admixed.                 | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 9.7                   | 1,150                        | 1,250            | 1,870            | 0                | 0  | 0                    |                      |
| 375              | 74                    | do.                                       | .64         | Two coats Inertol at 70° F.                  | 24                   | 20            |                               |                                       | 35          | 10.5                  | 1,430                        | 2,790            | 3,640            | 2,970            | 82   |                      |                      |

<sup>1</sup> Figures in parentheses show percentage of normal strength as indicated by parallel tests on cylinders from same batches stored in tap water in the laboratory.

<sup>2</sup> Mix 1:2.

<sup>3</sup> Mix 1:4.

<sup>4</sup> Mix 1:5.

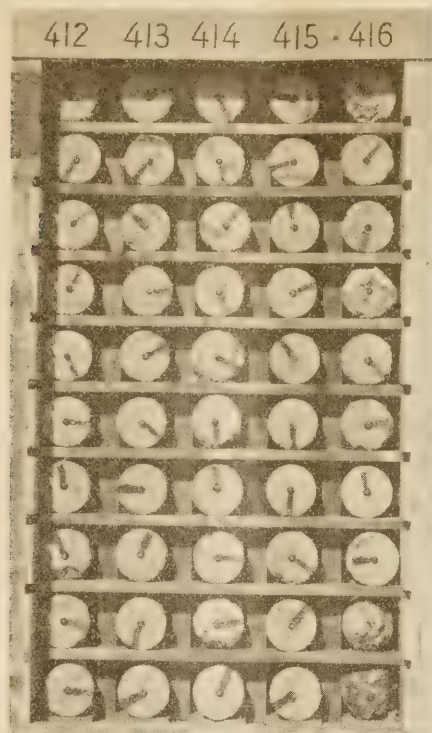


FIG. 8.—CYLINDERS MADE WITH DIFFERENT BRANDS OF STANDARD PORTLAND CEMENT AFTER ONE YEAR IN LAKE

#### ANALYSIS OF CONCRETE ARCHES

"Analysis of concrete arches," by W. P. Linton and C. D. Geisler, which appeared in the June and July, 1927, issues of *Public Roads*, is now available as a separate publication. The authors have developed a method which greatly reduces the tedious and complicated processes usually followed in the calculation of arch stresses. The method makes use of a set of standard forms, based on formulas not greatly different from those found in other texts. Many of the entries on the forms are the same for all arches and can be printed on them; and the authors have presented the various steps in filling out the forms in such a way that the work is largely mechanical and the chances of error greatly reduced.

A copy may be secured by addressing the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Information, Washington, D. C.

#### REGIONAL HIGHWAY PLANNING SURVEY FOR CLEVELAND

Field work has been under way since September 3 upon the Cleveland regional highway planning survey, embracing a territory within a radius of approximately 30 miles of Cleveland, Ohio. The survey is being carried on by the United States Bureau of Public Roads and Cuyahoga County as the principal cooperators. Information and assistance is also being rendered by the several administrative organizations responsible for highway development in the Cleveland region.

The preliminary work included a comprehensive study of traffic density—its distribution, origin, and destination—on the various routes in the area. This is being followed by a study of the traffic capacity of the various county highways and the principal entrances into the city of Cleveland and an analysis of the present highway system. Recommendations as to the location of new highways or relocation of present routes will involve consideration of the influence of such factors as topography, waterways, railroad terminals and yards, large industrial plants, suburban developments, and special use areas. With this information there is to be developed a plan of highway improvement adequate for anticipated traffic and designed especially to eliminate highway congestion. An improvement budget for a period sufficient to carry the complete plan into effect will also be prepared.

At the present time collection of field data is practically completed and a detailed analysis of this material is in progress. Traffic records were taken at 263 points in the area and show the daily and hourly volume of passenger cars, motor trucks, and motor busses on all important highways. Information was also taken as to weights of motor trucks. Records as to the origin and destination were taken for approximately 100,000 vehicles.

The "roughometer" described in the issue of *Public Roads* for September, 1926, was used in making a condition survey of the improved roads in the area. This instrument is attached to a passenger car and gives an accumulated record of the roughness of the surfaces over which the vehicle is driven.

Another new instrument, used for the first time in this survey, gives a record of the speed at which traffic moves at all points along a highway. This instrument is being used in studying traffic congestion and traffic capacity of various widths of highway.

# GASOLINE TAXES FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1927

| State                | Gross tax assessed prior to deduction of refunds | Exemption refunds (deducted from gross tax) | Total tax earnings on fuel for motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> | Disposition of total gasoline tax earnings <sup>1</sup> |   |             |                                     | Tax rates, first six months of 1927 |                  |                   | Net gallons of gasoline taxed and used by motor vehicles | Estimated additional gallons (not taxed) used by motor vehicles |                     |
|----------------------|--|---|--|---|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|---|---------------------|
|                      |  |   |  | Collection costs (half year)                            | Construction and maintenance of rural roads |             | State and county road-bond payments | Miscellaneous                       | Cents per gallon |                   |  |   | Date of rate change |
|                      |  |   |  |   | State highways                              | Local roads |                                     |                                     | Jan. 1           | June 30           |  |   |                     |
| Alabama              | \$2,653,637                                      |   | \$2,653,637  | \$10,302  | \$1,300,778                                 | \$1,342,557 |                                     | 2                                   | 4                | Jan. 25           | 68,096,599   |   |                     |
| Arizona              | 662,729  | \$144,130                                   | 518,599  |   | 259,300                                     | 259,299     |                                     | 3                                   | 3                |                   | 17,286,641   |   |                     |
| Arkansas             | 1,741,086  | 180,527                                     | 1,560,559  | 46,817  | 358,929                                     | 171,661     | <sup>3</sup> \$983,152              | 4                                   | 5                | June 9            | 39,013,981   |   |                     |
| California           | 9,677,342  | 641,408                                     | 9,035,934  | 19,918  | 4,508,008                                   | 4,508,008   |                                     | 2                                   | 2                | ( <sup>4</sup> )  | 451,796,681  |   |                     |
| Colorado             | 1,237,359  | 43,282                                      | 1,194,077  | ( <sup>5</sup> )  | 730,359                                     | 463,718     |                                     | 2                                   | 3                | May 1             | 57,701,371   |   |                     |
| Connecticut          | 1,307,024  |   | 1,307,024  |   | 1,307,024                                   |             |                                     | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 65,351,209   |   |                     |
| Delaware             | 273,203  | 6,112                                       | 267,091  |   | 267,091                                     |             |                                     | 2                                   | 3                | Mar. 24           | 10,329,754   |   |                     |
| Florida              | 5,355,219  |   | 5,355,217  | 2,100   | 4,014,838                                   | 1,338,279   |                                     | 4                                   | 4                | ( <sup>6</sup> )  | 133,880,422  |   |                     |
| Georgia              | 3,071,528  |   | 3,071,528  | 2,100   | 2,192,448                                   | 876,980     |                                     | 3 1/2                               | 3 1/2            |                   | 87,757,935   |   |                     |
| Idaho                | 637,373  | 30,679                                      | 606,694  | 5,203   | 601,491                                     |             |                                     | 3                                   | 4                | Feb. 28           | 15,750,489   |   |                     |
| Illinois             |  |   |  |   |   |             |                                     | 0                                   | 7                | No. tax.          |  | 286,900,000   |                     |
| Indiana              | 4,697,106  | 132,395                                     | 4,564,711  | 7,398   | 3,038,209                                   | 1,519,104   |                                     | 3                                   | 3                |                   | 152,157,038  |   |                     |
| Iowa                 | 2,865,439  | 88,256                                      | 2,777,183  | 4,956   | 924,076                                     | 1,848,151   |                                     | 2                                   | 2                | ( <sup>8</sup> )  | 138,859,170  |   |                     |
| Kansas               | 2,217,334  | 326,089                                     | 1,891,245  | ( <sup>9</sup> )  | 1,640,500                                   | 250,745     |                                     | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 94,562,249   |   |                     |
| Kentucky             | 2,472,015  |   | 2,472,015  |   | 2,472,015                                   |             |                                     | 5                                   | 5                |                   | 49,348,018   |   |                     |
| Louisiana            | 1,411,554  |   | 1,411,554  | ( <sup>10</sup> )                                       | 1,411,554                                   |             |                                     | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 70,577,705   |   |                     |
| Maine                | 761,073  | 18,148                                      | 742,925  | 5,341   | 368,792                                     | 368,792     |                                     | 3                                   | 3                |                   | 24,461,721   |   |                     |
| Maryland             | 1,831,699  | 57,257                                      | 1,774,442  | 1,250   | <sup>11</sup> 1,418,554                     |             | <sup>12</sup> \$354,638             | 2                                   | 4                | Apr. 1            | 57,069,042   |   |                     |
| Massachusetts        |  |   |  |   |   |             |                                     | 0                                   | 0                | No. tax.          |  | 148,200,000   |                     |
| Michigan             | 5,414,065  | 380,267                                     | 5,033,798  | 14,718  | 2,994,725                                   | 1,024,355   | <sup>13</sup> 1,000,000             | 2                                   | 2                | ( <sup>14</sup> ) | 251,689,874  |   |                     |
| Minnesota            | 2,367,545  | 93,218                                      | 2,274,327  | ( <sup>15</sup> )                                       | 2,274,327                                   |             |                                     | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 115,891,613  |   |                     |
| Mississippi          | 2,136,296  |   | 2,136,296  | 1,800   | 1,003,006                                   | 1,068,244   |                                     | 4                                   | 4                |                   | 51,826,257   |   |                     |
| Missouri             | 2,968,788  | 47,723                                      | 2,921,065  | 24,017  | 2,897,048                                   |             | <sup>16</sup> 63,246                | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 146,053,264  |   |                     |
| Montana              | 443,439  | 15,076                                      | 428,363  | 3,150   | 425,213                                     |             |                                     | 3                                   | 3                | Jan. 1            | 14,278,756   |   |                     |
| Nebraska             | 1,477,472  | 7,408                                       | 1,470,064  | 3,639   | 1,466,425                                   |             |                                     | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 73,503,208   |   |                     |
| Nevada               | 217,604  | 18,107                                      | 199,497  |   | 99,749                                      |             |                                     | 4                                   | 4                |                   | 4,987,419  |   |                     |
| New Hampshire        | 421,366  | 7,705                                       | 413,581  |   | 413,581                                     |             |                                     | 2                                   | 3                | May 1             | 18,310,415   |   |                     |
| New Jersey           |  |   |  |   |   |             |                                     | 0                                   | 17               | No. tax.          |  | 137,500,000   |                     |
| New Mexico           | <sup>18</sup> 614,200                            |   | <sup>18</sup> 614,200                                      | 11,590  | 602,610                                     |             |                                     | 3                                   | 5                | Mar. 7            | 14,081,758   |   |                     |
| New York             |  |   |  |   |   |             |                                     | 0                                   | 0                | No. tax.          |  | 375,100,000   |                     |
| North Carolina       | 4,108,931  | 176,387                                     | 3,932,544  | 8,218   | 1,705,745                                   |             | <sup>19</sup> 2,218,581             | 4                                   | 4                |                   | 98,313,590   |   |                     |
| North Dakota         | 467,210  | 71,277                                      | 395,933  |   | 395,933                                     |             |                                     | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 19,796,669   |   |                     |
| Ohio                 | 7,722,220  | 182,394                                     | 7,539,826  |   | 4,739,600                                   | 1,272,830   |                                     | 2                                   | 3                | May 25            | 336,902,146  |   |                     |
| Oklahoma             | 3,208,634  | 12,258                                      | 3,196,376  |   | 2,130,919                                   | 1,065,457   |                                     | 3                                   | 3                |                   | 110,262,328  |   |                     |
| Oregon               | 1,690,893  | 77,684                                      | 1,613,209  | 4,149   | 1,609,060                                   |             |                                     | 3                                   | 3                |                   | 54,084,297   |   |                     |
| Pennsylvania         | 6,101,696  |   | 6,101,696  | ( <sup>21</sup> )                                       | 4,067,797                                   | 2,033,899   |                                     | 2                                   | 2                | ( <sup>22</sup> ) | 305,084,825  |   |                     |
| Rhode Island         | 326,848  | 25,877                                      | 300,971  | ( <sup>23</sup> )                                       | 253,953                                     |             | 47,018                              | 1                                   | 2                | June 1            | 25,395,311   |   |                     |
| South Carolina       | 2,214,215  | 3,579                                       | 2,210,636  | ( <sup>24</sup> )                                       | 1,360,794                                   | 849,842     |                                     | 5                                   | 5                |                   | 44,212,717   |   |                     |
| South Dakota         | 1,095,630  | 135,000                                     | 960,630  | 2,783   | 957,847                                     |             |                                     | 3                                   | 3                | ( <sup>25</sup> ) | 32,616,933   |   |                     |
| Tennessee            | 1,983,139  |   | 1,983,139  | 19,831  | 1,963,308                                   |             |                                     | 3                                   | 3                |                   | 66,104,639   |   |                     |
| Texas                | 5,975,553  |   | 5,975,553  |   | 4,481,665                                   |             | <sup>26</sup> 1,493,888             | 1                                   | 3                | Mar. 16           | 271,417,466  |   |                     |
| Utah                 | 567,794  |   | 567,794  | 5,375   | <sup>27</sup> 212,419                       |             | <sup>28</sup> 350,000               | 3 1/2                               | 3 1/2            |                   | 16,222,709   |   |                     |
| Vermont              | -275,536   |   | 275,536  |   | 275,536                                     |             |                                     | 2                                   | 3                | June 1            | 12,130,292   |   |                     |
| Virginia             | 3,298,685  | 176,167                                     | 3,122,518  | ( <sup>29</sup> )                                       | 2,081,679                                   | 1,040,839   |                                     | 4 1/2                               | 4 1/2            |                   | 69,259,098   |   |                     |
| Washington           | 1,734,604  | 103,378                                     | 1,631,226  |   | 1,631,226                                   |             |                                     | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 81,561,285   |   |                     |
| West Virginia        | 1,458,314  | 42,257                                      | 1,416,057  | ( <sup>30</sup> )                                       | 1,416,057                                   |             | ( <sup>30</sup> )                   | 3 1/2                               | 3 1/2            | ( <sup>31</sup> ) | 40,458,768   |   |                     |
| Wisconsin            | 2,618,397  | 92,339                                      | 2,526,058  | ( <sup>32</sup> )                                       | 1,085,000                                   | 1,441,058   |                                     | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 126,302,901  |   |                     |
| Wyoming              | 257,275  | 367   | 256,908  | <sup>33</sup> 8   | 256,900                                     |             |                                     | 2 1/2                               | 3                | Mar. 1            | 9,244,481  |   |                     |
| District of Columbia | 551,405  | 2,800                                       | 548,605  |   |   |             | <sup>34</sup> 548,605               | 2                                   | 2                |                   | 27,430,267   |   |                     |
| Total                |  |   | 101,250,841  | 204,663   | 69,616,088                                  | 22,843,566  | 4,598,751                           | 3,987,773                           | Aver. 2.55 cents |                   | 3,971,423,311  | 947,700,000   |                     |

<sup>1</sup> Disposition data is estimated in some cases, and approximately allocated according to motor fuel laws.  
<sup>2</sup> Actual amount available for disposal excluding refunds.  
<sup>3</sup> On State highway bonds, \$78,028; remainder on District road bonds.  
<sup>4</sup> New 3-cent tax effective July 29, 1927.  
<sup>5</sup> Paid from oil-inspection fund.  
<sup>6</sup> New 5-cent tax effective July 1, 1927.  
<sup>7</sup> New 2-cent tax effective Aug. 1, 1927.  
<sup>8</sup> New 3-cent tax effective July 4, 1927.  
<sup>9</sup> Paid from State general fund, \$4,500.  
<sup>10</sup> Collection cost of \$3,750 from Legislative appropriation.  
<sup>11</sup> Includes \$125,742 for elimination of grade crossings.  
<sup>12</sup> Assigned to Baltimore City, includes \$31,435 for elimination of grade crossings.  
<sup>13</sup> State highway bond retirements.  
<sup>14</sup> New 3-cent tax effective Sept. 4, 1927.  
<sup>15</sup> Collection costs, \$2,300 from inspection oil fund.  
<sup>16</sup> For sea wall to protect highway; collected by an extra tax of two cents in Harrison County and 1 cent in Hancock County.  
<sup>17</sup> New 2-cent tax effective July 1, 1927.

<sup>18</sup> Includes \$4,402 for license fees for gasoline distributing stations.  
<sup>19</sup> Approximated by prorating motor vehicle fees and gasoline taxes for interest on road bonds.  
<sup>20</sup> For maintenance of streets in municipalities.  
<sup>21</sup> Paid from general fund; approximately \$40,000.  
<sup>22</sup> New 3-cent tax effective July 1, 1927.  
<sup>23</sup> Legislative appropriation \$5,000 for the year.  
<sup>24</sup> State appropriation of \$5,000 for the year.  
<sup>25</sup> New 4-cent tax effective July 1, 1927.  
<sup>26</sup> For free-school fund.  
<sup>27</sup> Not available for road use until 1928.  
<sup>28</sup> On State road bonds.  
<sup>29</sup> Costs of \$3,228 paid from appropriation from State revenues.  
<sup>30</sup> Collection costs and interest of State road bonds chargeable to this fund but amounts not reported.  
<sup>31</sup> New 4-cent tax effective July 1, 1927.  
<sup>32</sup> Appropriation by State of \$5,000 for half year.  
<sup>33</sup> Excludes \$600 costs not charged to tax.  
<sup>34</sup> Assigned by law for use on Washington streets.

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AS OF  
OCTOBER 31, 1927

FISCAL YEAR 1928

| STATES         | FISCAL YEARS 1917-1927                   |                 |          |  |               |         | * PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION |                      |          |                      |                      |         | PROJECTS APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION |                      |       |                      |                      |       | BALANCE OF FEDERAL AID FUND AVAILABLE FOR NEW PROJECTS | STATES |
|----------------|--|-----------------|----------|--|---------------|---------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--|--------|
|                | PROJECTS COMPLETED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1927 |                 |          | PROJECTS COMPLETED SINCE JUNE 30, 1927 |               |         | ESTIMATED COST                |                      |          | FEDERAL AID ALLOTTED |                      |         | ESTIMATED COST                     |                      |       | FEDERAL AID ALLOTTED |                      |       |  |        |
|                | TOTAL COST                               | FEDERAL AID     | MILES    | TOTAL COST                             | FEDERAL AID   | MILES   | ESTIMATED COST                | FEDERAL AID ALLOTTED | MILES    | ESTIMATED COST       | FEDERAL AID ALLOTTED | MILES   | ESTIMATED COST                     | FEDERAL AID ALLOTTED | MILES | TOTAL COST           | FEDERAL AID ALLOTTED | MILES |  |        |
| Alabama        | \$ 20,051,371.68                         | \$ 9,615,099.94 | 1,400.2  | \$ 84,878.41                           | \$ 40,723.98  | 0.2     | \$ 8,346,382.61               | \$ 4,016,659.69      | 469.4    | \$ 34,528.88         | \$ 17,264.44         | 0.3     | \$ 2,224,191.39                    |                      |       | Alabama              |                      |       |  |        |
| Arizona        | 11,893,950.70                            | 6,447,189.27    | 800.8    | 287,769.35                             | 192,918.61    | 14.1    | 1,448,906.72                  | 1,088,686.44         | 67.7     | 717,686.26           | 158,899.73           | 7.3     | 2,988,204.24                       |                      |       | Arizona              |                      |       |  |        |
| Arkansas       | 22,337,014.63                            | 9,525,192.75    | 1,960.6  | 52,245.29                              | 26,122.64     | 0.1     | 3,613,444.42                  | 1,980,893.63         | 223.9    |                      |                      |         | 1,282,591.24                       |                      |       | Arkansas             |                      |       |  |        |
| California     | 35,128,269.04                            | 16,987,026.82   | 1,306.3  | 1,663,742.65                           | 810,516.86    | 48.3    | 7,427,892.89                  | 3,390,057.86         | 148.6    | 29,144.22            | 17,486.53            | 0.1     | 3,371,184.93                       |                      |       | California           |                      |       |  |        |
| Colorado       | 15,497,121.91                            | 7,934,298.91    | 829.0    | 91,935.74                              | 48,486.64     | 0.9     | 6,620,930.26                  | 3,245,327.97         | 284.8    | 60,171.65            | 24,488.87            | 3.2     | 2,449,719.61                       |                      |       | Colorado             |                      |       |  |        |
| Connecticut    | 5,337,332.29                             | 2,444,000.54    | 137.3    | 1,324,934.52                           | 355,348.84    | 17.7    | 5,143,625.87                  | 1,460,489.75         | 61.9     | 596,818.25           | 150,731.24           | 7.8     | 395,795.63                         |                      |       | Connecticut          |                      |       |  |        |
| Delaware       | 6,237,026.55                             | 2,345,572.42    | 159.5    | 253,662.17                             | 120,820.22    | 14.6    | 998,398.72                    | 365,371.18           | 31.1     |                      |                      |         | 7,919.18                           |                      |       | Delaware             |                      |       |  |        |
| Florida        | 7,476,856.31                             | 3,827,912.60    | 245.1    | 1,517,818.43                           | 734,206.79    | 32.7    | 8,328,791.94                  | 3,561,785.95         | 176.3    | 777,846.42           | 289,730.00           | 18.0    | 750,769.66                         |                      |       | Florida              |                      |       |  |        |
| Georgia        | 31,951,435.50                            | 15,101,232.40   | 2,173.8  | 3,892,173.22                           | 1,834,341.18  | 163.9   | 6,487,697.09                  | 2,215,959.71         | 223.9    | 60,305.70            | 30,152.85            | 0.1     | 229,475.86                         |                      |       | Georgia              |                      |       |  |        |
| Idaho          | 18,225,515.45                            | 7,075,527.16    | 835.5    | 519,938.13                             | 365,649.79    | 57.4    | 2,447,435.27                  | 1,465,082.31         | 154.8    | 969,517.91           | 562,232.94           | 66.9    | 56,427.80                          |                      |       | Idaho                |                      |       |  |        |
| Illinois       | 48,638,982.16                            | 22,781,516.60   | 1,530.8  | 1,892,173.22                           | 1,834,341.18  | 163.9   | 14,706,605.85                 | 7,087,757.86         | 507.3    | 3,050,176.50         | 1,462,638.15         | 102.4   | 1,674,714.39                       |                      |       | Illinois             |                      |       |  |        |
| Indiana        | 23,372,717.74                            | 11,238,588.20   | 732.5    | 449,555.13                             | 211,986.95    | 11.3    | 17,088,350.28                 | 8,184,818.49         | 518.8    | 872,490.11           | 241,195.05           | 32.2    | 284,568.31                         |                      |       | Indiana              |                      |       |  |        |
| Iowa           | 34,306,138.86                            | 14,395,603.75   | 2,484.4  | 1,014,168.01                           | 496,639.00    | 13.3    | 14,947,503.76                 | 5,475,755.95         | 501.4    | 235,050.23           | 91,398.56            | 5.6     | 71,284.64                          |                      |       | Iowa                 |                      |       |  |        |
| Kansas         | 37,442,061.61                            | 14,730,829.48   | 1,495.2  | 686,352.16                             | 306,659.34    | 36.9    | 15,242,211.85                 | 6,022,427.83         | 807.8    | 534,755.84           | 190,280.53           | 47.8    | 282,747.86                         |                      |       | Kansas               |                      |       |  |        |
| Kentucky       | 23,212,600.53                            | 9,510,694.75    | 874.9    | 552,359.25                             | 202,003.09    | 27.5    | 10,076,828.40                 | 4,758,672.09         | 434.7    | 169,222.22           | 84,611.10            | 9.2     | 14,774.97                          |                      |       | Kentucky             |                      |       |  |        |
| Louisiana      | 15,877,562.20                            | 7,093,892.21    | 1,178.7  | 831,654.63                             | 446,316.21    | 37.9    | 3,154,613.07                  | 1,530,286.40         | 95.6     | 1,922,511.62         | 961,255.78           | 78.4    | 287,985.40                         |                      |       | Louisiana            |                      |       |  |        |
| Maine          | 10,564,800.06                            | 4,869,452.67    | 357.6    | 831,654.63                             | 446,316.21    | 37.9    | 2,159,415.63                  | 689,118.44           | 48.0     | 391,447.59           | 195,459.27           | 19.9    | 1,065,929.74                       |                      |       | Maine                |                      |       |  |        |
| Maryland       | 11,790,203.93                            | 5,524,939.27    | 477.8    |  |               |         | 2,965,620.89                  | 1,066,885.64         | 104.6    |                      |                      |         | 8,352.03                           |                      |       | Maryland             |                      |       |  |        |
| Massachusetts  | 20,570,246.02                            | 7,495,928.15    | 410.4    | 773,728.83                             | 158,264.74    | 9.5     | 6,092,482.70                  | 1,749,034.45         | 107.7    | 175,422.98           | 70,800.00            | 4.7     | 1,763,609.65                       |                      |       | Massachusetts        |                      |       |  |        |
| Michigan       | 31,977,248.37                            | 14,398,484.93   | 1,084.2  | 390,950.62                             | 181,630.63    | 31.6    | 15,103,688.03                 | 6,734,274.75         | 412.4    | 1,769,779.10         | 700,394.50           | 33.7    | 562,270.93                         |                      |       | Michigan             |                      |       |  |        |
| Minnesota      | 45,099,648.47                            | 19,046,145.67   | 3,643.5  | 550,946.48                             | 193,200.00    | 25.5    | 17,662,298.62                 | 6,339,298.90         | 390.4    | 981,273.24           | 21,000.00            | 46.3    | 112,876.43                         |                      |       | Minnesota            |                      |       |  |        |
| Mississippi    | 19,331,230.75                            | 9,004,234.62    | 1,314.1  | 993,468.54                             | 492,884.75    | 63.6    | 6,484,988.72                  | 3,138,235.78         | 340.2    | 275,095.87           | 137,547.33           | 23.4    | 662,933.92                         |                      |       | Mississippi          |                      |       |  |        |
| Missouri       | 12,583,595.72                            | 7,237,128.82    | 1,151.5  | 2,162,439.45                           | 825,701.34    | 56.2    | 4,956,336.00                  | 1,482,378.95         | 646.1    | 1,821,690.41         | 1,047,180.56         | 155.4   | 4,053,729.28                       |                      |       | Missouri             |                      |       |  |        |
| Montana        | 10,251,440.25                            | 7,934,386.39    | 2,246.5  | 2,131,360.33                           | 1,022,276.51  | 209.1   | 13,491,984.63                 | 6,646,818.21         | 1,334.9  | 793,651.66           | 396,795.25           | 73.8    | 416,096.64                         |                      |       | Montana              |                      |       |  |        |
| Nebraska       | 5,869,897.76                             | 2,769,959.05    | 284.8    | 127,942.35                             | 62,184.27     | 4.4     | 1,916,472.17                  | 582,133.15           | 45.0     | 70,903.54            | 28,110.00            | 1.9     | 218,538.26                         |                      |       | Nebraska             |                      |       |  |        |
| Nevada         | 22,288,240.08                            | 7,495,354.48    | 316.3    | 1,594,371.23                           | 362,285.00    | 24.2    | 6,912,106.77                  | 1,544,398.56         | 100.8    |                      |                      |         | 3,311.53                           |                      |       | Nevada               |                      |       |  |        |
| New Hampshire  | 13,335,250.94                            | 7,937,599.06    | 1,505.2  | 192,486.89                             | 116,166.12    | 19.1    | 3,186,543.90                  | 2,486,129.33         | 233.7    | 4,592,392.00         | 1,395,347.50         | 89.2    | 1,619,265.49                       |                      |       | New Hampshire        |                      |       |  |        |
| New Jersey     | 54,193,085.44                            | 21,653,955.55   | 1,439.3  | 2,628,439.45                           | 825,701.34    | 56.2    | 42,556,336.00                 | 10,423,378.95        | 646.1    | 6,978,300.00         |                      |         | 3,313,068.56                       |                      |       | New Jersey           |                      |       |  |        |
| New Mexico     | 35,295,849.21                            | 14,518,903.16   | 1,480.1  | 972,233.03                             | 464,898.15    | 38.2    | 3,658,648.76                  | 1,740,015.62         | 97.1     | 248,220.85           | 121,500.00           | 21.0    | 595,245.17                         |                      |       | New Mexico           |                      |       |  |        |
| North Carolina | 15,881,559.50                            | 7,746,293.88    | 2,715.6  | 1,791,457.48                           | 1,090,133.96  | 166.2   | 5,916,107.45                  | 2,733,483.61         | 869.4    | 482,454.23           | 215,663.74           | 67.1    | 158,035.01                         |                      |       | North Carolina       |                      |       |  |        |
| North Dakota   | 62,621,391.49                            | 19,331,376.76   | 1,515.0  | 1,289,680.76                           | 542,959.32    | 41.3    | 12,920,997.19                 | 4,844,337.74         | 335.4    | 3,765,702.00         | 1,442,245.00         | 79.2    | 2,333,075.84                       |                      |       | North Dakota         |                      |       |  |        |
| Ohio           | 30,381,957.08                            | 14,117,589.21   | 1,268.1  | 789,742.25                             | 379,754.99    | 9.6     | 4,389,116.17                  | 1,863,193.24         | 308.4    | 2,600,690.55         | 1,308,471.22         | 131.1   | 152,672.84                         |                      |       | Ohio                 |                      |       |  |        |
| Oklahoma       | 19,583,584.76                            | 10,041,452.94   | 1,065.0  | 161,863.43                             | 92,870.03     | 0.2     | 2,428,818.01                  | 1,292,433.27         | 74.1     | 2,409,901.12         | 1,111,744.98         | 4.8     | 523,474.91                         |                      |       | Oklahoma             |                      |       |  |        |
| Oregon         | 77,725,174.22                            | 26,317,620.32   | 1,534.3  | 1,857,833.01                           | 517,973.00    | 46.1    | 19,420,748.76                 | 5,927,088.82         | 372.2    | 2,405,709.02         | 765,457.49           | 39.8    | 1,086,339.34                       |                      |       | Oregon               |                      |       |  |        |
| Pennsylvania   | 5,233,413.38                             | 1,988,479.06    | 116.0    | 433,553.96                             | 148,020.00    | 9.9     | 1,899,827.33                  | 332,348.74           | 21.2     | 427,199.34           | 128,638.57           | 7.6     | 426,707.53                         |                      |       | Pennsylvania         |                      |       |  |        |
| Rhode Island   | 17,002,039.93                            | 7,525,989.90    | 1,569.4  | 1,699,570.97                           | 761,794.70    | 39.3    | 8,073,707.02                  | 2,397,480.75         | 251.2    | 735,980.03           | 65,999.94            | 6.2     | 114,247.80                         |                      |       | Rhode Island         |                      |       |  |        |
| South Carolina | 24,262,063.24                            | 9,507,525.54    | 2,502.9  | 153,619.70                             | 81,737.63     | 42.1    | 4,484,080.49                  | 2,448,199.10         | 243.8    | 554,634.68           | 250,058.05           | 25.7    | 99,335.77                          |                      |       | South Carolina       |                      |       |  |        |
| South Dakota   | 24,262,063.24                            | 9,507,525.54    | 2,502.9  | 153,619.70                             | 81,737.63     | 42.1    | 4,484,080.49                  | 2,448,199.10         | 243.8    | 554,634.68           | 250,058.05           | 25.7    | 99,335.77                          |                      |       | South Dakota         |                      |       |  |        |
| Tennessee      | 8,130,035.03                             | 3,155,950.45    | 5,465.4  | 5,430,529.30                           | 2,459,156.85  | 35.9    | 2,998,300.76                  | 2,298,136.85         | 187.6    | 13,001,376.83        | 4,873,874.85         | 137.7   | 3,340,526.88                       |                      |       | Tennessee            |                      |       |  |        |
| Texas          | 78,190,246.37                            | 31,566,950.45   | 6,628.9  | 393,000.76                             | 298,993.39    | 111.7   | 6,912,106.77                  | 1,544,398.56         | 100.8    | 727,135.19           | 397,593.55           | 37.9    | 1,977,867.30                       |                      |       | Texas                |                      |       |  |        |
| Utah           | 5,037,118.23                             | 2,348,856.01    | 152.7    | 702,679.70                             | 289,893.49    | 11.9    | 2,706,638.21                  | 1,003,794.57         | 59.7     | 130,902.62           | 79,635.23            | 5.0     | 15,846.98                          |                      |       | Utah                 |                      |       |  |        |
| Vermont        | 26,844,025.24                            | 12,537,143.25   | 1,138.9  | 275,759.37                             | 117,951.38    | 8.2     | 5,065,638.94                  | 2,193,151.15         | 117.3    | 1,370,649.79         | 489,000.00           | 58.5    | 795,419.73                         |                      |       | Vermont              |                      |       |  |        |
| Washington     | 18,184,505.97                            | 8,246,551.95    | 711.1    | 847,151.95                             | 415,733.32    | 5.3     | 7,163,945.40                  | 2,929,094.90         | 231.5    | 1,500,484.17         | 171,475.22           | 48.7    | 26,189.72                          |                      |       | Washington           |                      |       |  |        |
| West Virginia  | 10,424,847.32                            | 4,573,748.01    | 419.4    | 2,114,097.29                           | 1,053,613.32  | 111.7   | 2,151,964.40                  | 2,279,049.97         | 331.5    | 470,000.00           | 140,000.00           | 11.5    | 1,978,747.91                       |                      |       | West Virginia        |                      |       |  |        |
| Wisconsin      | 27,891,502.15                            | 11,847,858.90   | 1,729.5  | 2,114,097.29                           | 1,053,613.32  | 111.7   | 2,151,964.40                  | 2,279,049.97         | 331.5    | 470,000.00           | 140,000.00           | 11.5    | 1,978,747.91                       |                      |       | Wisconsin            |                      |       |  |        |
| Wyoming        | 12,650,712.15                            | 7,139,287.05    | 1,315.9  | 143,801.91                             | 143,801.91    | 24.3    | 2,910,026.46                  | 1,862,286.04         | 224.1    | 203,290.00           | 127,618.10           | 35.1    | 227,660.00                         |                      |       | Wyoming              |                      |       |  |        |
| Hawaii         | 343,584.15                               | 97,440.00       | 6.5      | 160,636.91                             | 70,440.00     | 4.7     | 1,624,080.08                  | 491,922.64           | 25.0     | 182,542,453.50       | 14,168.7             | 1,700.6 | 805,975.35                         |                      |       | Hawaii               |                      |       |  |        |
| TOTALS         | 1,154,740,601.48                         | 510,007,591.24  | 60,957.6 | 46,764,312.91                          | 20,845,965.12 | 2,014.4 | 367,531,433.50                | 152,542,430.20       | 14,168.7 | 44,475,180.40        | 16,945,502.19        | 1,700.6 | 44,139,351.25                      |                      |       | TOTALS               |                      |       |  |        |

\* Includes projects reported completed (final vouchers not yet paid) totaling: Estimated cost \$ 117,679,214.31 Federal aid \$ 50,334,503.28 Miles 4,703.1



