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DRINKING FOUNTAINS ALONG OREGON HIGHWAYS

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ON THE ASHLAND-KLAMATH FALLS HIGHWAY

MOTORISTS driving along the highways in the State of Oregon will occasionally pass a sign notifying them that there is good drinking water 300 feet ahead. At such places they will find an artistically designed drinking fountain erected by the Oregon State Highway Commission and a water supply which they may feel safe in using.

No standard plans have been prepared for the construction of these fountains, each fountain being designed by the engineers to harmonize with the surroundings and to make use of the native materials at hand. Though the same general scheme is followed, the designs differ, being influenced by available materials, site, and quantity of water.

At the springs a small reservoir of concrete or cement rubble masonry is constructed, from which a pipe leads to the fountain. Each reservoir has overflow and drain pipes. The fountains are of native rock, some of them built of hand-faced stone, while others are of rubble masonry, using boulders or large-size gravel.

In most instances the fountains were constructed by the regular maintenance forces of the State highway department, though some were constructed by contractors' forces. In the erection of five fountains in Oregon by the United States Bureau of Roads, built according to the same general plans as the State fountains, it was found cement rubble masonry fountains cost from \$200 to \$300 each.

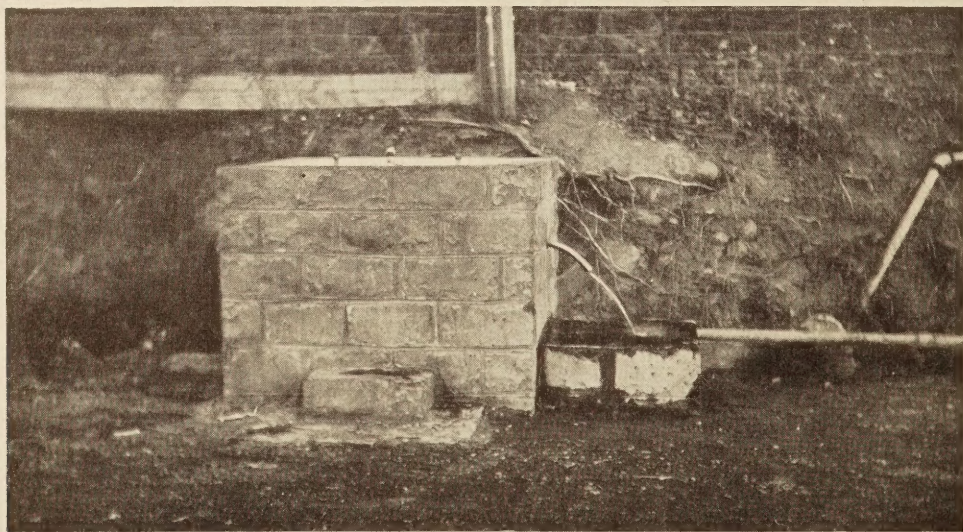
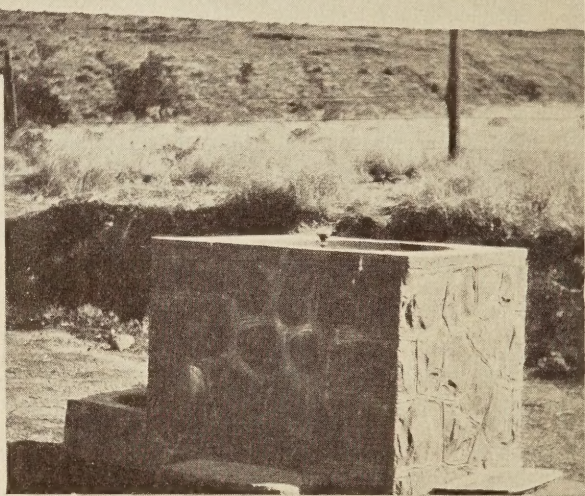
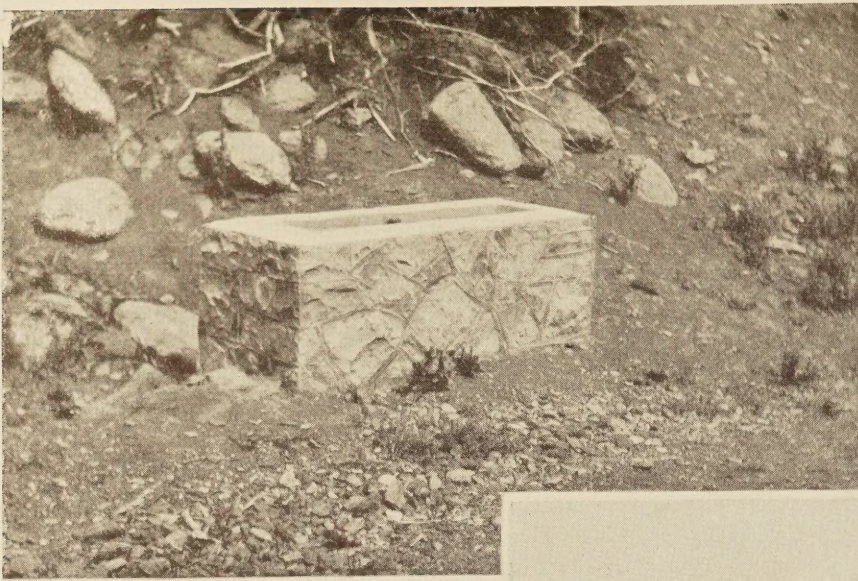
The fountains have bubblers for drinking, and a pool from which water for filling radiators may be dipped. When there is not a sufficient supply of water for bubblers a small pipe has been used for drinking pur-

poses. Many of these fountains have been built with a step at one of the bubblers, making it more convenient for children. The pools are used mostly for obtaining water for filling radiators, and a few of the fountains have a small pool constructed near the ground for the use of dogs or other small animals. Shut-off and drain valves are used so that proper care of the fountain may be taken during severe freezing weather.

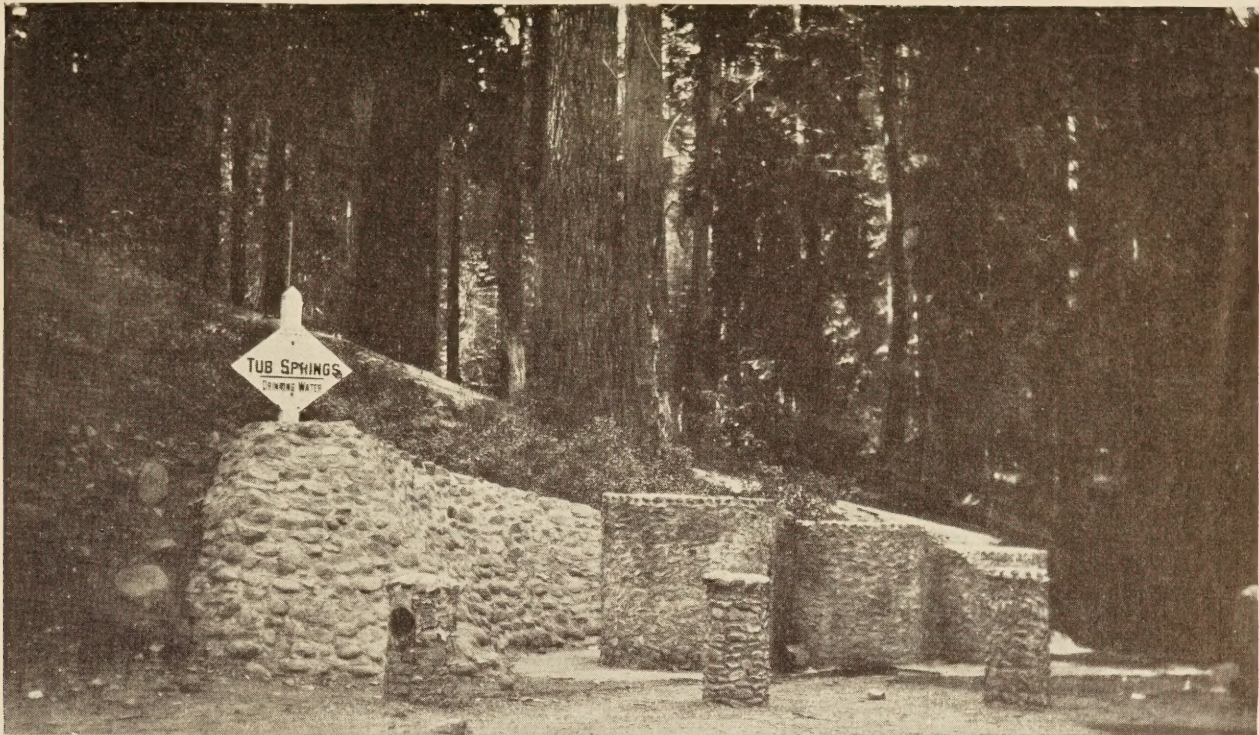
The water used is from live springs and is tested by the State to ascertain its suitability for drinking before the erection of a fountain. Signs are placed about 300 feet each side of the fountains, calling attention to drinking water ahead, and at the fountains themselves ample parking space is provided so that cars may be parked off the highway.

It is found that these fountains are a great convenience to motorists, and they are used by a great many people during the summer months, particularly on the heavier traveled highways. Many are situated at scenic locations with tall evergreen trees and beautiful shrubbery, ferns, and wild flowers; and motorists find it a joy to tarry for a few minutes' rest. During the summer days there will generally be found one or more cars at each fountain, the travelers resting a minute or two and obtaining a drink of cold spring water, or filling a hot radiator with fresh cool water.

At present there are some 30 fountains along the Oregon highways, and additional ones are placed wherever suitable conditions are found. The construction of these fountains by the Oregon State Highway Commission is in line with their policy of developing the scenic features of the highways of the State.



DRINKING-FOUNTAIN DESIGNS ARE VARIED ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE MATERIALS AND THE WATER SUPPLY



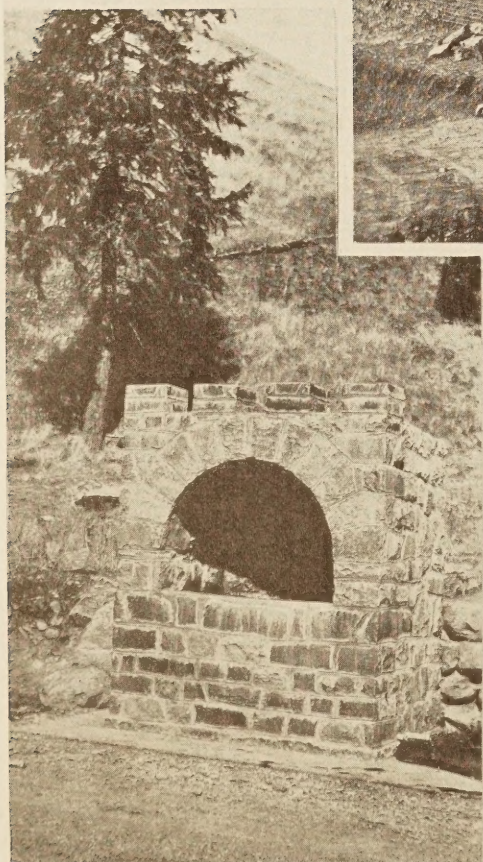
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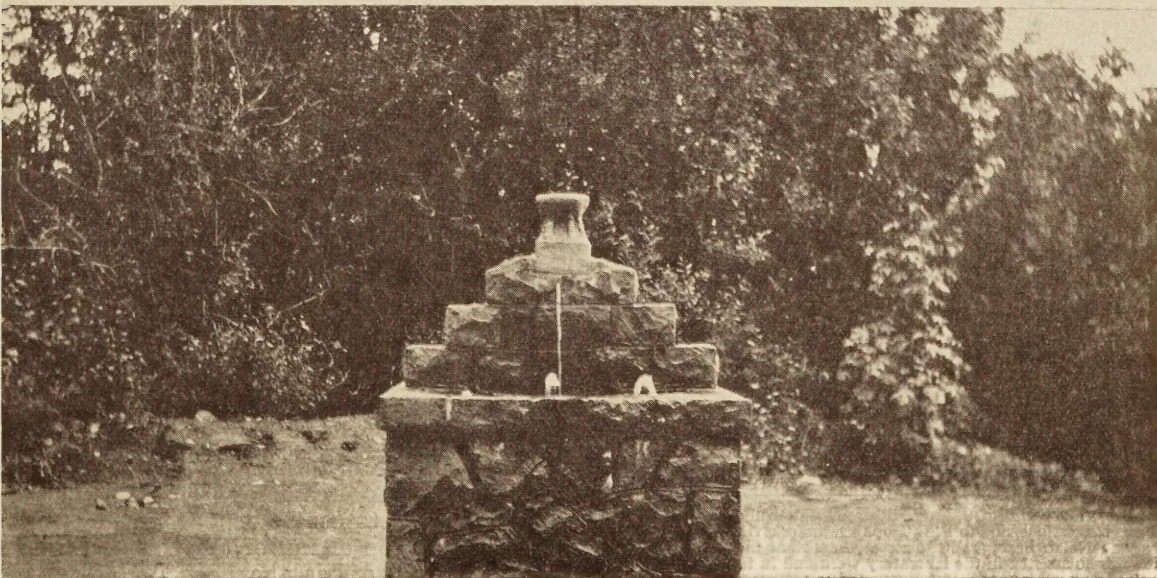
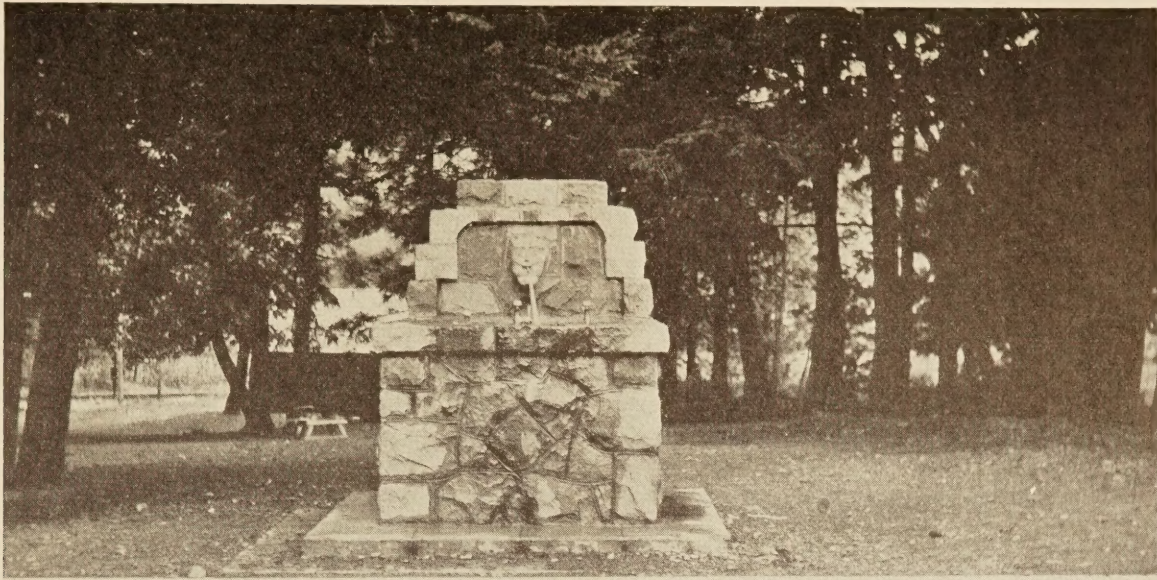


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MANY OF THE FOUNTAINS ARE IN ATTRACTIVE LOCATIONS WHERE TRAVELERS OFTEN STOP FOR A SHORT REST

FLOW OF FLOOD WATER OVER RAILWAY AND HIGHWAY EMBANKMENTS

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THIS report presents the results of 572 experiments on the flow of water over full-size sections of railway and highway embankments, made for the purpose of developing formulas for use in calculating the quantity of flood water flowing over such embankments. The experiments were conducted by the Bureau of Public Roads of United States Department of Agriculture and the State University of Iowa at the University hydraulic laboratory. The rails and ties used were furnished by the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railroad, J. D. Wardle, chief engineer.

THE PROBLEM OUTLINED

A knowledge of the quantity of water that flows down a given valley during extreme floods is often a matter of considerable importance to the engineer. It is one of the fundamental bases of design, not only of railroad and highway embankments across such valleys, but of works planned for the protection of agricultural land and of cities and towns. Engineers, therefore, should avail themselves of every opportunity to obtain reliable data on this subject.

Highway and railroad embankments across river valleys generally act as barriers to the flow of flood water and often are overtopped during the highest floods. At such an embankment the total discharge is the sum of that through bridge, trestle, and culvert openings, and that flowing over the embankment. The discharge through a bridge opening during a flood may be computed with a fair degree of accuracy if the drop-down at the bridge opening is known. A highway, railroad, or levee embankment over which water is flowing may be treated as a broad-crested weir. Therefore if the proper coefficient for a particular type of embankment is known the quantity of water flowing over an embankment of that type may be determined with reasonable accuracy. The specific purpose of this investigation was to determine these coefficients for certain types and widths of embankments so that the usual formulas for computing flow over broad-crested weirs could be employed.

THE MODEL EMBANKMENT DESCRIBED

The hydraulic laboratory of the University of Iowa is located on the west bank of the Iowa River, at the university dam. The principal testing canal is 190 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 10 feet deep. At the upstream end of the canal, where it joins with the end of the dam, is a wooden head gate 10 feet wide by 12 feet deep. A 10-foot weir of the suppressed type for measuring flow in the canal is located 60 feet downstream from the head gate. Numerous baffles were placed in the canal immediately below the head gate to obtain uniform velocity distribution as the water approached the weir, and a smooth flow over the crest. Similar baffles were placed in the canal immediately downstream from the weir to prevent commotion of the water as it approached the embankments.

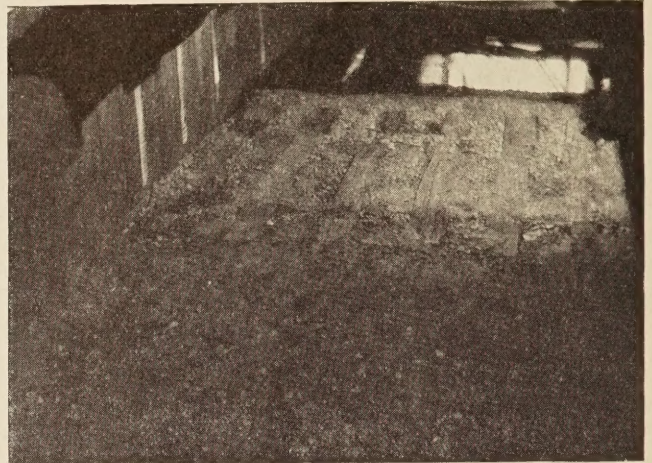


FIGURE 1.—SINGLE-TRACK EMBANKMENT WITHOUT RAILS

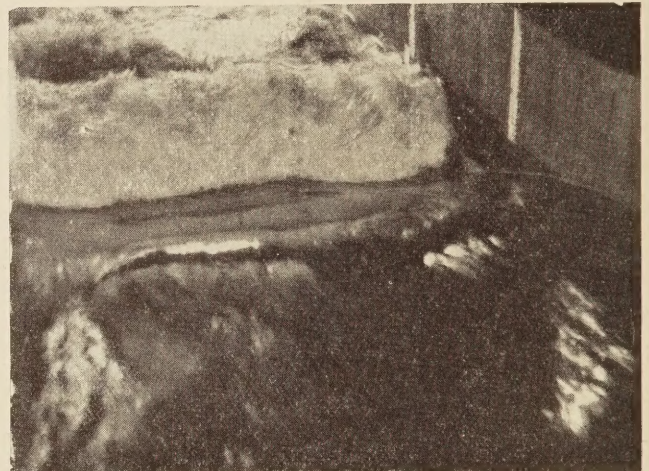


FIGURE 2.—SINGLE-TRACK EMBANKMENT WITHOUT RAILS, 50.4 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND FLOWING OVER EMBANKMENT, HEAD ON EMBANKMENT, 1.42 FEET

A full-size section of a single-track embankment, 10 feet in length, was built in the testing canal 92 feet downstream from the weir. The embankment proper consisted of a wooden structure which was covered with gravel and upon which was placed the standard depth of gravel ballast and the ties and rails. The American Railway Engineering Association specifications for standard single and double track, gravel ballast, were followed. Seventy-pound rails were used. The top of rail of the single track was 3.8 feet above the floor of the canal. A view of the single-track embankment without rails is shown in Figure 1. The same embankment under test is shown in Figure 2. The embankment without rails corresponds to a highway with approximately a 12-foot roadway.

In building the double track the extra track was added to the upstream side of the single track, the distance center to center of tracks being 13 feet. The height of the top of rail of the double track, however, was only 1.8 feet, as the floor here is 2 feet higher

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FIGURE 3.—DOUBLE-TRACK EMBANKMENT WITH RAILS IN PLACE

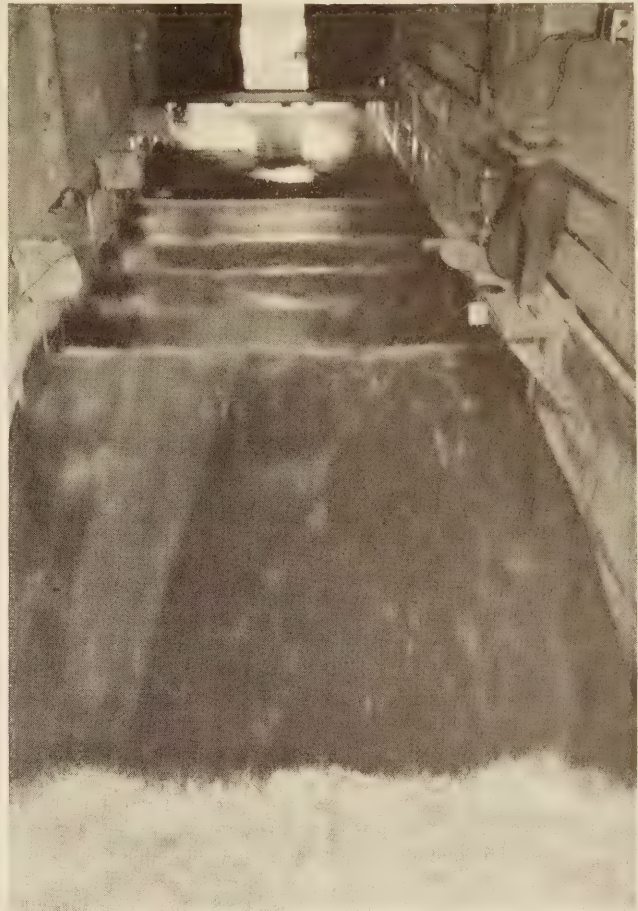


FIGURE 4.—DOUBLE-TRACK EMBANKMENT WITH RAILS IN PLACE, 46 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND FLOWING OVER TRACKS. HEAD ON UPSTREAM RAIL, 1.33 FEET. STANDING WAVES CAUSED BY THE RAILS

than the floor in the downstream end of the canal. This difference is due in part to a false wooden floor placed in the canal for use in connection with other experiments. The double-track embankment with rails in place is shown in Figure 3, and Figure 4 shows the double-track embankment while under test. Corresponding views with one track removed are shown in Figures 5 and 6. This embankment, without rails, is representative of a highway with a roadway 23 feet wide.

Twenty-seven staff gages, graduated to hundredths of a foot, were placed along the walls of the canal at frequent intervals, 14 being placed along the west wall and 13 along the east wall. The zero of these staffs was set level with the top of rail.

A bear-trap weir 6 feet high and located 22 feet downstream from the center of the single track, or 28.5 feet from the center of the double track, was used to regulate the water level downstream from the embankment, and in some experiments to submerge the embankment. This weir was hung on hinges and was regulated by means of a block and tackle attached to a windlass.

It will be noted in Figure 3 that the downstream face of the embankment is grouted. This was done to prevent the material from washing off of the wooden base.

The side slopes of most highway and railroad embankments are covered with a heavy growth of grass and weeds which resist erosion.

THE TESTS

Tests on each embankment were begun with a head of 0.5 foot of water discharging over the measuring weir, and continued with successive increases of 0.1 foot in head on the weir, until the maximum flow was obtained. For each head on the measuring weir the following conditions of outflow were imposed by means of the bear-trap weir: (1) With water surface on the downstream

side of the track raised until the ratio $\frac{d}{D}$ (depth of water over rail on the downstream side of the embankment, to depth on upstream side of embankment as illustrated

on drawings) was about 0.95; (2) with $\frac{d}{D}$ less than 0.95 (obtained by gradually lowering the bear-trap weir); (3) with water discharging freely over the embankment, thus simulating free flow over one type of broad-crested weir.

In each test a constant head was first obtained on the measuring weir and then the bear trap was adjusted to obtain a definite ratio of depth of flow. When this had become constant, one observer first took readings on the weir hook gage and weir staff, then successively read the staffs downstream on one side of the channel and upstream on the other side. After determining that the readings on the two opposite upstream staffs

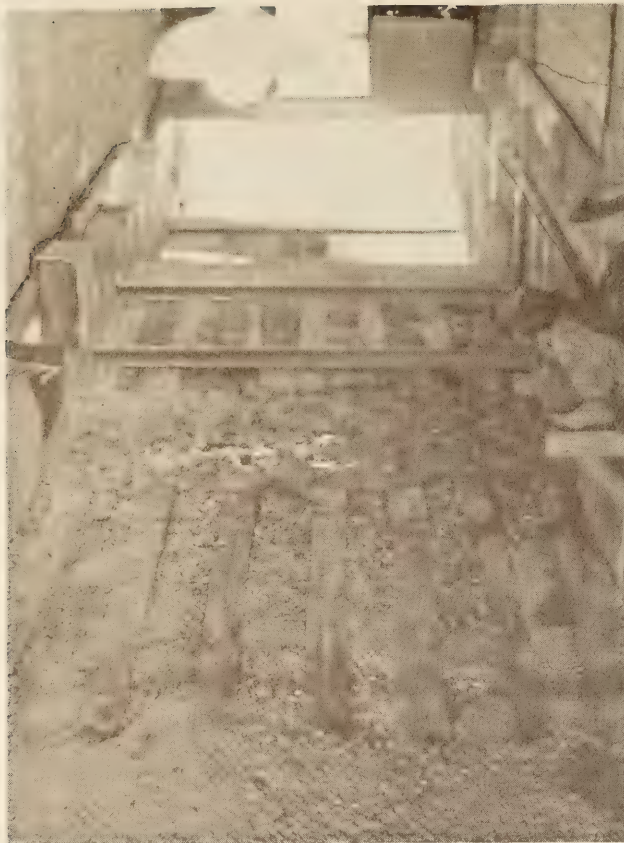


FIGURE 5.—DOUBLE-TRACK EMBANKMENT WITH UPSTREAM TRACK IN PLACE AND DOWNSTREAM TRACK REMOVED

checked, he again took readings on the weir hook gage and weir staff. In the meantime, another observer plotted a profile of the water surface. Horizontal lines 0.1 foot apart, as well as vertical lines 1 foot apart, had been painted on both sides of the canal. By means of these continuous gage lines (shown in fig. 3) an accurate profile of the many variations in the water surface was obtained which it was not possible to obtain with the staff gages. This method gave a record of the waves caused by the rails as illustrated in Figures 4 and 6.

In testing the single-track embankment with rails in place it was noted that a standing wave was sometimes formed over the downstream rail. To determine the effect of the downstream rail on the flow some tests were run with only the upstream rail in place. On the double-track embankment tests were also run with the upstream track in place and the downstream track removed.

The results of the tests were computed as the experiments were under way, thus making it possible to rerun any doubtful tests.

FORMULAS DERIVED FOR VARIOUS CONDITIONS OF FLOW

The following basic formula was used in all of the computations:

$$Q = CLH^{3/2} \text{-----} (1)$$

In this formula,

- Q = volume of discharge per unit of time,
- C = an empirical coefficient,
- L = length of the embankment overflowed,



FIGURE 6.—DOUBLE-TRACK EMBANKMENT WITH UPSTREAM TRACK IN PLACE AND DOWNSTREAM TRACK REMOVED. 42.5 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND FLOWING OVER TRACK. DEPTH OF FLOW, 1.12 FEET OVER TRACK

H = the head corrected for the effect of the velocity of approach; i. e., measured depth plus $\frac{V}{2g}$ where V is the mean velocity of approach to the weir.

The discharge over the measuring weir was computed by Bazin's weir formula. The readings on the various staffs gave the heights of the water above the top of rail. In the tests on the embankments with the rails removed the height of the rail was therefore added to the staff readings to get the depth of water on the embankment. For the tests in which the embankment was submerged the degree of submergence is expressed by the ratio $\frac{d}{D}$ before mentioned.

The results of the experiments were plotted on cross-section paper with the ratio $\frac{d}{D}$ as abscissas and the empirical coefficient C as ordinates. These curves are shown in Figures 7 to 12, inclusive. It will be noted that when $\frac{d}{D} = 0$, the water flowing over the embankment has a free drop. Under such conditions the coefficient C varies more for some embankments than for others. For example, in Figure 11 the points are grouped whereas in Figure 8 they are more scattered. Since it was impossible to show all such values of the coefficient on the diagrams (many of them coincided), the points through which the curves are drawn were

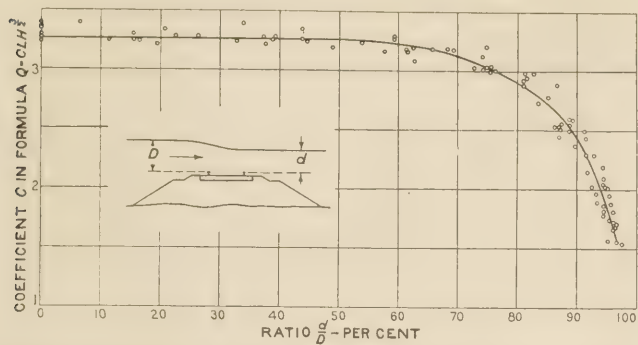


FIGURE 7.—RELATION BETWEEN COEFFICIENT AND PER CENT SUBMERGENCE, SINGLE TRACK, BOTH RAILS IN PLACE

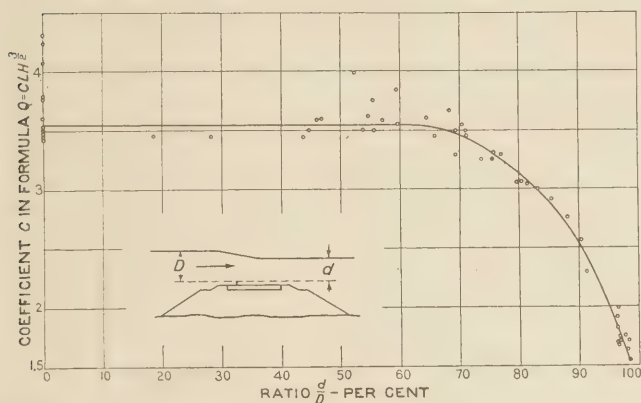


FIGURE 8.—RELATION BETWEEN COEFFICIENT AND PER CENT SUBMERGENCE, SINGLE TRACK, DOWNSTREAM RAIL REMOVED

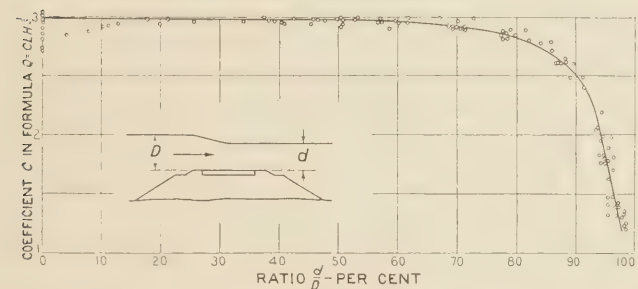


FIGURE 9.—RELATION BETWEEN COEFFICIENT AND PER CENT SUBMERGENCE, SINGLE TRACK, BOTH RAILS REMOVED. EQUIVALENT TO A HIGHWAY EMBANKMENT WITH A 12-FOOT ROADWAY

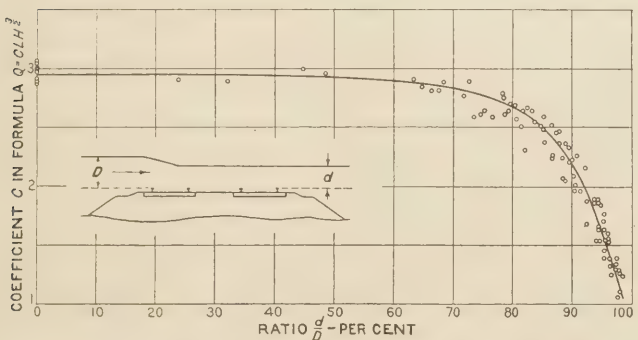


FIGURE 10.—RELATION BETWEEN COEFFICIENT AND PER CENT SUBMERGENCE, DOUBLE TRACK, FOUR RAILS IN PLACE

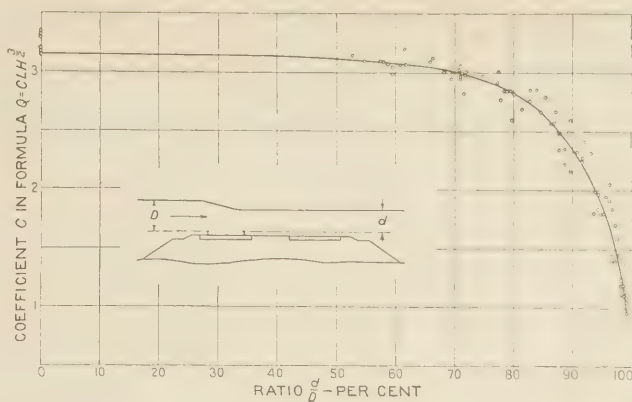


FIGURE 11.—RELATION BETWEEN COEFFICIENT AND PER CENT SUBMERGENCE, DOUBLE TRACK, TWO DOWNSTREAM RAILS REMOVED

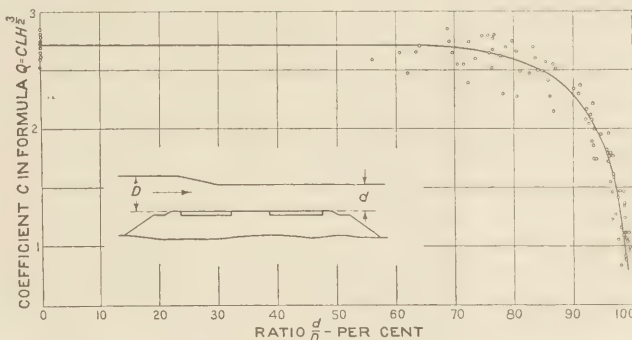


FIGURE 12.—RELATION BETWEEN COEFFICIENT AND PER CENT SUBMERGENCE, DOUBLE TRACK, ALL FOUR RAILS REMOVED. EQUIVALENT TO A HIGHWAY EMBANKMENT WITH A 23-FOOT ROADWAY

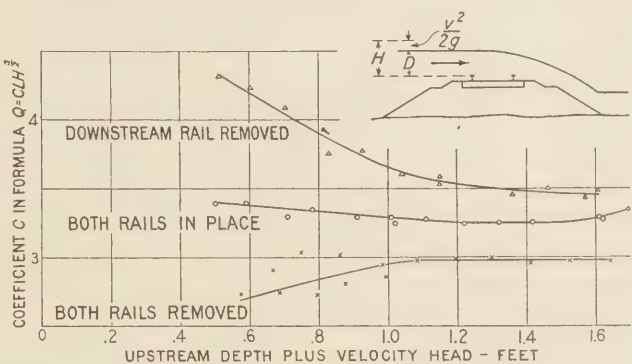


FIGURE 13.—VARIATION OF COEFFICIENT WITH HEAD. SINGLE TRACK

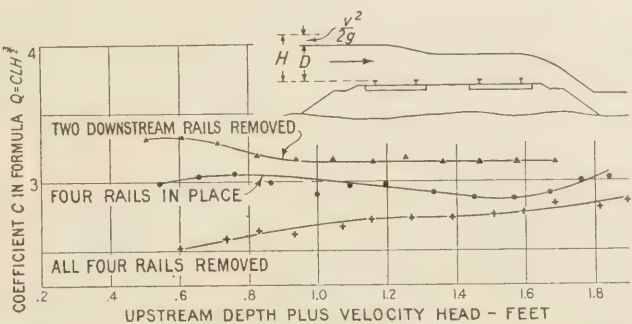


FIGURE 14.—VARIATION OF COEFFICIENT WITH HEAD. DOUBLE TRACK

determined in the following manner: Values, the discharges, Q , were plotted on logarithmic paper as ordinates and the heads, corrected for velocity of approach, as abscissas. A line having a slope of $3/2$ was drawn through the majority of the points, the greater weight being placed on the higher heads. The intercept on the unity vertical axis was taken as the value of C through which the curve should pass.

During the progress of the tests it was observed that for values of $\frac{d}{D}$ less than 0.6, the coefficient was practically constant since the elevation of the tail-water had no effect on the height of the headwater. This was due to the fact that the critical velocity occurred at the downstream edge of the embankment. Therefore, to conserve time in experimenting on some of the embankments, comparatively few tests were run with values of $\frac{d}{D}$ between 0.1 and 0.5.

For those tests in which the water had a free drop over the embankment it was noted that the coefficient varied somewhat with the head when the exponent of H was taken as $3/2$. This variation is shown in Figures 13 and 14 in which the coefficients have been plotted as ordinates and the heads as abscissas. These curves show that the exponent of H is not exactly 1.5. The test data were therefore plotted on logarithmic paper with the discharge Q as ordinates and the head H (corrected for velocity of approach) as abscissas. Lines were drawn through the points and the discharge equations determined for the various types of embankments.

The equations as determined for free flow over the embankments are as follows:

Single track, both rails in place—

$$Q = 3.27 LH^{1.47} \text{-----} (2)$$

Single track, upstream rail only in place—

$$Q = 3.66 LH^{1.37} \text{-----} (3)$$

Single track, both rails removed—

$$Q = 3.00 LH^{1.49} \text{-----} (4)$$

Double track, all four rails in place—

$$Q = 2.95 LH^{1.47} \text{-----} (5)$$

Double track, upstream track only in place—

$$Q = 3.17 LH^{1.48} \text{-----} (6)$$

Double track, all four rails removed—

$$Q = 2.66 LIP^{.60} \text{-----} (7)$$

USE OF FORMULAS ILLUSTRATED BY EXAMPLES

These experiments have made available coefficients for use in hydraulic formulas for computing the flow over embankments during floods. When free flow exists over an embankment one of formulas (2) to (7) may be used, depending upon the type of the embankment. If the embankment is submerged the appropriate coefficient may be taken from the curves shown in Figures 7 to 12, after the percentage of submergence has been determined. In all of the computations for the curves and formulas the head corresponding to the velocity of approach has been added to the depth of water over the embankment to get the true head. Thus these coefficients are applicable to all embankments regardless of the velocity of approach. In a specific case, however, the velocity of approach must be assumed in the preliminary calculations and the assumed value checked after the discharge has been computed. This procedure can best be illustrated by practical examples.

Example 1.—Assume that water has been discharging over a single-track railroad embankment. The track at elevation 75 was not washed out. After the flood a survey for high-water marks showed that the water on the upstream side of the track had been at elevation 76.6, and on the downstream side of the track at elevation 74. Assume the height of the embankment (to top of rail) above the natural ground surface to be 6.5 feet, and for convenience consider a length of 100 feet of track. The formula applicable to this problem is equation (2) which is

$$Q = 3.27 LH^{1.47}$$

in which

$$L = 100 \text{ feet.}$$

The measured head is 1.6 feet. Assume the velocity of approach to be 0.80 foot per second, then

$$\text{Velocity head} = 0.0099$$

$$\text{Total head, } H = 1.61$$

and

$$Q = 3.27 \times 100 \times 1.61^{1.47}$$

or

$$Q = 658 \text{ cubic feet per second.}$$

But the cross-sectional area of flow is 810 square feet and

$$\frac{Q}{A} = \frac{658}{810} = 0.81 \text{ foot per second,}$$

which approximates the assumed velocity of approach.

Example 2.—A single-track railroad was overtopped by flood water. A survey showed the track to be at elevation 50, the water level upstream at 53, and downstream at 52.5. The height of the embankment or top of rail is 3.5 feet above the natural ground surface, and the length of track overflowed 100 feet. The percentage of submergence would then be

$$\frac{d}{D} = \frac{2.5}{3.0} = 83.3.$$

From Figure 7 the coefficient, C , is found to be 2.80. Hence the formula would be

$$Q = 2.80 LH^{3/2}$$

in which

$$L = 100.$$

The measured head is 3 feet. Assuming the velocity of approach to be 2 feet per second, the velocity head is 0.0622 and the total head, H , is 3.0622.

Thus

$$Q = 2.80 \times 100 \times 3.0622^{3/2}$$

$$Q = 1,500.$$

The area of flow is 650 square feet and the velocity of approach is $\frac{1,500}{650} = 2.31$ feet per second. The first assumption being too small, assume the velocity of approach as 2.3 feet per second. The velocity head then is 0.0822; and the total head, $H = 3.0822$.

$$Q = 2.80 \times 100 \times 3.0822^{3/2}$$

$$Q = 1,515.$$

The velocity of approach is $\frac{1,515}{650} = 2.33$ feet per second which agrees quite closely with the second assumption. Thus the discharge over a 100-foot section of the track is 1,515 cubic feet per second, or 15.15 cubic feet per second per lineal foot of track overflowed.

PLANS FOR INTERNATIONAL ROAD CONGRESS ANNOUNCED

The American Organizing Commission announces that the Sixth International Road Congress will be held in this country in October, 1930, at the invitation of the United States Government, with the object of continuing the studies begun in Paris in 1908 and continued in Brussels in 1910, in London in 1913, in Seville in 1923, and in Milan in 1926.

The congress will open in Washington on Monday, October 6, and close on Saturday, October 11.

Simultaneously with the congress it is contemplated that a private international road exhibition will be held by the American Road Builders' Association.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF THE CONGRESS

The official opening of the congress will occur Monday afternoon, October 6, at Constitution Hall, preceded by a meeting in the morning of the International Permanent Commission at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Registration will begin Monday morning and continue through Thursday, October 9. Members are urged to register as early during the week as possible.

All sessions of the congress, except the official opening, will be at the building of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Section meetings will be held the morning and afternoon of October 7, the morning sessions being followed by motion-picture exhibits of road-building operations.

The same procedure will hold for Wednesday, October 8, and for Thursday, October 9.

Friday is reserved for a visit to the experiment station of the United States Bureau of Public Roads, and over Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to Mount Vernon, home of George Washington.

Saturday morning, October 11, will see the official closing of the congress, with the afternoon of that day reserved for excursions, to be followed by sight-seeing tours on Sunday, October 12.

The detailed program will be announced at a later date.

AGENDA

(Prepared by the Permanent International Commission)

FIRST SECTION

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

First question.—Results obtained by the use of:

- (a) Cement;
- (b) Bricks or other artificial paving.

(Methods employed for road construction and maintenance in these materials.)

Second question.—The most recent methods adopted for the use of tar, bitumen, and asphalt in road construction.

Third question.—The construction of roads in new countries, such as colonies and undeveloped regions.

SECOND SECTION

TRAFFIC AND ADMINISTRATION

Fourth question.—Ways and means of financing highways:

- (a) Road construction;
- (b) Maintenance.

Fifth question.—Highway transport: Correlation and coordination with other methods of transport; adaptation to collective (organizations) and individual uses.

Sixth question.—(1) Traffic regulation in large cities and their suburbs; traffic signals; design and layout of roads and adaptation to traffic requirements in built-up areas. (2) Parking and garaging of vehicles.

There probably will be a number of unofficial luncheons and dinners tendered the delegates and members by various organizations. The jurisdiction of the American Organizing Commission, however, is limited to the official events appearing on the program.

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONGRESS

In addition to the delegates of the various countries, expressly appointed by their respective Governments, the permanent and temporary members of the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses may take part in the Congress.

Permanent members.—The permanent members of the association are members who have the right to participate in all the road congresses. Individuals or representatives of groups already enrolled as permanent members are required only to notify the American Organizing Commission at Washington of their intention to participate in the sixth congress. (Blank forms for this purpose will be supplied upon request.)

Individuals or groups desiring to be enrolled as permanent members of the association should request suitable application forms from one of the addresses given below.¹

For individual permanent members the regular annual dues are 25 French francs (\$1). These dues, however, are increased to 125 French francs (\$5) for new members enrolled during a congress year, as in the case for the year 1930. For life membership the subscription fee is 500 French francs (\$20).

For groups, the minimum annual dues in any year are 100 French francs (\$4). For each 100 French francs paid, one delegate may be sent to the congress. All fees received from the above classes of membership are paid to the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses.

Temporary members.—Individuals or groups who do not belong to the association and who desire only to participate in the sixth congress, are considered as temporary members of the association, under articles 2, 8, and 10 of the statutes. Honorary members are enrolled as temporary members.

The fee for enrollment in the congress for each temporary member is 125 French francs (\$5). The payment of 250 French francs (\$10) bestows the right to the title of honorary member. Three-fifths of the fees received from temporary members are allocated to the American Organizing Commission and two-fifths to the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses.

Applications for temporary membership should be made on a form which can be obtained from any of the addresses given in footnote 1.

Membership privileges.—All classes of members mentioned above have the right to attend all the meetings of the congress, and to participate in all official receptions and official excursions during the congress proper.

¹ The address of the secretary general of the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses is M. Le Gavrian, secretary general, Permanent International Association of Road Congresses, 1, Avenue d'Éna, Paris, XVI, France. The address of the secretary general of the American Organizing Commission is Thos. H. MacDonald, secretary general, American Organizing Commission, 1723 N Street N.W., Washington, D. C., U. S. A. The address of the secretary of the British Organizing Committee is E. B. Hart, secretary, British Organizing Committee, 7 Whitehall Gardens, London, S. W. 1, England.

They are also entitled to the special transportation rates established for attendance at the congress.

They will receive, previous to the opening of the congress, the official papers on the subjects indicated in the program, and after the congress a copy of the proceedings. These publications can be obtained only through membership in the congress.

The executive bureau, and the American Organizing Commission, however, do not undertake to send the papers previous to the opening of the congress to those members who have not been enrolled at least one

month prior to the opening. (Art. 11 of the statutes of the association.)

A circular is available for distribution giving information concerning reductions in rates of ocean steamship lines, passports, and hotel accommodations and rates. Hotel reservations may be made through the American Organizing Commission.

A railroad rate of three-fourths the regular round-trip fare has been arranged for members attending the congress.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND REVENUE AND GASOLINE TAXES IN 1929

According to reports received from State registration authorities by the Bureau of Public Roads, a total of 26,501,443 motor vehicles were registered in 1929. From the owners of these vehicles the States and the District of Columbia collected in license fees, registration fees, permit fees, fines, etc., the sum of \$347,-843,543.

The registration figure includes passenger automobiles, taxis, buses, motor trucks and road tractors, trailers, and motor cycles, and represents an increase of 2,008,319 or 8 per cent over the 1928 figure. The total fees collected represent an increase of \$25,213,518 over the 1928 figure. After deducting \$24,505,737 for collection and miscellaneous purposes, the balance of \$323,337,806 was applied to highway purposes; \$223,-292,969 to State funds, \$66,861,364 to local funds, and \$33,183,473 to State and county bond funds.

The States having the 10 highest registration figures are as follows: New York, 2,263,259; California 1,974,-341; Ohio, 1,766, 614; Pennsylvania, 1,733,283; Illinois, 1,615,088; Michigan 1,395,102; Texas, 1,348,107; Indiana, 866,715; New Jersey, 832,332; and Massachusetts, 817,704.

In percentage gain, the District of Columbia and New Mexico each show 19 per cent. Nevada reports a gain of 16 per cent, Arizona 15 per cent, and Utah 14 per cent. Four States, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Tennessee, each show a gain of 12 per cent, and three States, Michigan, Montana, and Texas each report an increase of 11 per cent. California, Idaho, Kentucky, New Jersey, and Washington each show a gain of 9 per cent.

Details as to the number of registrations are shown on page 37 and registration receipts are shown on page 38.

GASOLINE TAX YIELDS LARGE REVENUE FOR HIGHWAYS

Reports received by the Bureau of Public Roads show that \$431,636,454 were collected in taxes on the sale of 13,400,180,062 gallons of motor fuel in 1929. These figures include a 12-month collection in 46 States and the District of Columbia, a 5-month collection in Illinois, and the collections of eight months in New York. The entrance of the latter two States into the

list of those collecting a gasoline tax marks the adoption of this method for part payment of the highway bill by all States. The pioneer States—Oregon and Colorado—led the way in 1919. All others have followed in the succeeding period of 11 years, but the tax did not become effective in New York until May 1 and in Illinois until August 1.

The average fee per gallon was 3.22 cents as against 3 cents in 1928, 20 States having increased the rate of taxation either 1 or 2 cents. The highest tax per gallon was 6 cents; the lowest 2 cents. At the close of the year, 3 States had a 6-cent tax; 8 a 5-cent tax; 19 a 4-cent tax; 1, Utah, a 3½-cent tax; 10 a 3-cent tax; and 7 States and the District of Columbia a 2-cent tax.

During the year the rate per gallon was increased 1 cent in Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming; a 2-cent increase became effective in Georgia, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, Tennessee, and Texas.

Comparison of the total number of vehicles registered in 1929, with the total tax collected and with the taxable gallonage in all States (except New York and Illinois) and in the District of Columbia shows an average tax revenue of \$17.72 per vehicle and an average purchase of 532 gallons of gasoline.

After deducting collection costs, the entire net revenue in 34 States was used for construction and maintenance of rural roads. In the other 14 States and the District of Columbia, a total of \$24,405,207 was used for other purposes. In three States a portion was used for public-school purposes. In eight States, a part of the revenue went to cities for repair and improvement of streets, as did the entire collection for the District of Columbia. In six States, small sums were deposited in general funds; in Mississippi, a special extra tax was collected in two counties for seawall protection of highways; and in New Jersey a small portion of the receipts was turned over to the department of commerce and navigation.

Of the portion of the total revenue applied to rural road purposes, \$297,967,756 was used for construction and maintenance of State highways; \$85,113,708 for construction and maintenance of local roads; and the balance of \$23,371,785 was used for payments on State and county road bonds.

The table on page 39 shows the total tax earnings and total number of gallons taxed in the various States.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, 1929¹

[Compiled for calendar year from reports of State authorities]

State	Registered motor vehicles individually and commercially owned ²			Other registered vehicles		Tax-exempt official motor cars and motor cycles		Number of licenses or permits		Total registered cars and trucks, in 1928	Year's change in motor-vehicle registrations		State
	Passenger automobiles, taxis, and buses ³	Motor trucks and road tractors	Motor cycles and trailers ⁴	Motor cycles	United States cars ⁵	State and local cars	Motor cycles (official)	Dealers	Operators and chauffeurs		Number increase or decrease (-)	Per cent	
Alabama.....	247,701	37,832	3,024	704	167	869	4,712	2,714	289,519	16,014	6.0	Alabama.....	
Arizona.....	98,327	10,366	2,219	306	176	1,173	182	20,643	94,372	14,641	15.5	Arizona.....	
Arkansas.....	193,346	34,732	2,578	400	36	1,019	515	3,023	214,031	18,197	8.5	Arkansas.....	
California.....	1,760,988	284,033	42,860	9,628	1,217	15,005	582	25,855	1,799,867	174,451	9.7	California.....	
Colorado.....	303,489	50,006	3,514	2,314	283	2,068	673	3,771	309,792	18,622	6.5	Colorado.....	
Connecticut.....	44,738	50,292	380	308	71	2,088	4	3,771	51,210	18,271	5.9	Connecticut.....	
Delaware.....	288,684	57,293	300	1,104	45	3,788	1,900	2,887	352,661	3,750	7.3	Delaware.....	
Florida.....	310,362	15,076	2,507	1,138	74	3,788	1,900	2,973	318,856	40,040	12.6	Florida.....	
Georgia.....	1,044,398	15,076	5,085	1,355	103	1,092	466	106,551	1,044,398	9,920	9.2	Georgia.....	
Idaho.....	1,013,063	202,225	5,085	6,855	979	4,965	4,605	106,551	1,013,063	110,729	10.9	Idaho.....	
Illinois.....	711,919	125,349	10,407	2,853	3,184	4,965	2,794	53,164	823,806	42,009	5.2	Illinois.....	
Indiana.....	711,919	125,349	10,407	2,853	3,184	4,965	2,794	53,164	823,806	42,009	5.2	Indiana.....	
Iowa.....	507,529	67,694	3,600	1,775	192	2,470	2,784	19,067	533,799	50,984	9.9	Iowa.....	
Kansas.....	294,565	44,303	8,000	607	200	1,916	1,558	11,850	304,231	47,424	8.9	Kansas.....	
Kentucky.....	281,034	78,268	1,652	1,958	64	1,467	1,450	22,834	284,233	16,575	6.3	Kentucky.....	
Maine.....	315,573	88,268	1,876	5,885	1,660	900	7,231	82,714	285,311	34,562	12.1	Maine.....	
Maryland.....	1,219,158	31,777	3,577	3,895	556	3,004	3,094	944,538	1,219,158	91,400	12.6	Maryland.....	
Massachusetts.....	671,362	6,164	4,321	1,900	271	1,604	2,282	33,265	671,362	145,881	11.7	Massachusetts.....	
Michigan.....	1,115,285	55,102	2,686	1,833	74	1,304	2,160	33,265	1,115,285	26,871	6.9	Michigan.....	
Minnesota.....	375,946	42,280	6,515	972	226	1,101	3,584	4,414	375,946	56,826	15.1	Minnesota.....	
Mississippi.....	95,302	24,613	6,273	1,93	242	468	119	129,559	95,302	6,236	6.1	Mississippi.....	
Missouri.....	131,889	13,980	693	1,953	22	7,173	3,418	971,235	131,889	73,902	9.7	Missouri.....	
Montana.....	698,959	133,373	2,421	6,533	708	7,173	2,088	65,737	698,959	12,637	19.2	Montana.....	
Nebraska.....	76,000	3,374	509	1,566	156	820	208	2,708,056	76,000	179,317	8.6	Nebraska.....	
New Hampshire.....	1,922,068	341,191	8,222	13,527	1,666	17,469	5,039	2,708,056	1,922,068	14,521	8.4	New Hampshire.....	
New Jersey.....	52,951	92,984	3,584	1,296	429	7,092	7,614	4,436	52,951	116,915	7.1	New Jersey.....	
New York.....	1,560,182	206,432	15,000	9,180	2,362	10,843	29,298	4,436	1,560,182	20,889	8.4	New York.....	
North Carolina.....	510,401	60,300	1,308	1,196	530	4,795	3,923	52,451	510,401	24,118	5.5	North Carolina.....	
North Dakota.....	217,131	217,408	3,067	1,694	141	1,483	29,599	2,153,944	217,131	91,076	6.6	North Dakota.....	
Oklahoma.....	1,114,010	10,999	87	13,372	1,383	1,057	29,599	157,474	1,114,010	8,311	6.7	Oklahoma.....	
Oregon.....	205,683	25,591	2,048	451	56	3,017	1,110	628	205,683	14,469	6.7	Oregon.....	
Pennsylvania.....	1,814,419	6,727,734	16,260	1,203	85	4,377	1,110	14,897	1,814,419	322,137	12.5	Pennsylvania.....	
Rhode Island.....	1,165,180	17,000	280	4,016	2,605	4,377	4,423	14,897	1,165,180	133,810	11.0	Rhode Island.....	
South Carolina.....	84,471	17,000	1,000	487	173	1,200	365	95,387	84,471	6,799	7.9	South Carolina.....	
South Dakota.....	298,595	58,680	966	2,141	141	3,514	4,561	10,376	298,595	26,660	7.4	South Dakota.....	
Tennessee.....	370,995	62,346	2,986	2,403	637	4,349	5,109	460,622	370,995	39,466	9.8	Tennessee.....	
Texas.....	228,715	40,173	725	1,397	33	2,388	11,854	85,514	228,715	17,332	6.9	Texas.....	
Utah.....	680,447	104,055	497	2,723	92	943	3,138	742,185	680,447	51,367	6.9	Utah.....	
Vermont.....	51,880	8,800	192	1,009	209	356	338	56,336	51,880	4,344	7.7	Vermont.....	
Virginia.....	135,455	15,995	193,044	114,845	837	1,586	2,107	63,921	135,455	24,894	19.7	Virginia.....	
Washington.....	23,121,589	3,379,854	193,044	114,845	837	1,586	2,107	63,921	23,121,589	24,894	19.7	Washington.....	
West Virginia.....	26,501,443	23,121,589	193,044	114,845	837	1,586	2,107	63,921	26,501,443	2,008,319	8.2	West Virginia.....	
Wisconsin.....	151,480	135,455	193,044	114,845	837	1,586	2,107	63,921	151,480	24,894	19.7	Wisconsin.....	
Wyoming.....	151,480	135,455	193,044	114,845	837	1,586	2,107	63,921	151,480	24,894	19.7	Wyoming.....	
District of Columbia.....	151,480	135,455	193,044	114,845	837	1,586	2,107	63,921	151,480	24,894	19.7	District of Columbia.....	
Total.....	26,501,443	23,121,589	193,044	114,845	837	1,586	2,107	63,921	24,493,124	2,008,319	8.2	Total.....	

¹ This table lists only the number of registrations, licenses, and permits. For financial statement see table on next page.
² The first 3 columns show regularly registered motor cars and trucks, eliminating reregistrations, nonresident registrations, etc.
³ Buses are included with passenger cars except as noted in next column.
⁴ Buses are included with trucks and motor cycles, eliminating reregistrations, nonresident registrations, etc.
⁵ Total includes 7,869 "cars-at-large," not allocated to any State.
⁶ Buses do not register trailers.
⁷ Bureau of the Budget data as of 1925.
⁸ Includes commercial cars with pneumatic tires, formerly reported with passenger cars.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, LICENSES, PERMITS, FINES, ETC., 1929¹

[Compiled from reports of State authorities]

State ²	Total gross receipts		Registration receipts ³					Miscellaneous receipts ⁴					Disposition of gross receipts				State ²
	Total motor cars	Passenger cars and buses	Motor vehicles		Dealers' licenses	Chauffeur and operator permits	Other miscellaneous	Collection and administration ⁵	For highway purposes		For other purposes	State and county road bonds ⁴	State highways	Local roads	State and county road bonds ⁴		
			Trucks and tractors	Trailers					Motor-cycles	State highways						Local roads	
Alabama ²	\$3,736,380	\$500,214	\$226,176	\$13,311	\$1,222	\$775	\$20,202	\$177,819	\$728,594	\$1,505,645					Alabama ²		
Arizona	4,123,865	5,730,508	3,297,140	32,008	34,681	48,540	327,010	84,342	543,369	2,670,510				Arizona			
Arkansas	10,483,068	1,627,698	408,876	1,195	1,985	30,256	27,085	2,098,107	4,195,435					Arkansas			
California	1,602,255	6,073,418	1,222,898	12,678	10,225	92,137	160,091	166,652	834,367					California			
Colorado	1,622,445	4,602,287	1,222,898	3,298	2,225	7,680	160,091	618,158	7,371,597					Colorado			
Connecticut	1,053,120	4,803,543	1,222,898	3,298	2,225	7,680	160,091	618,158	7,371,597					Connecticut			
Delaware	4,568,200	4,803,543	1,222,898	3,298	2,225	7,680	160,091	618,158	7,371,597					Delaware			
Florida	4,787,467	4,803,543	1,222,898	3,298	2,225	7,680	160,091	618,158	7,371,597					Florida			
Georgia	17,937,909	12,241,613	3,223,243	8,546	10,770	51,140	373,670	580,064	9,623,138	7,428,636				Georgia			
Idaho	6,953,424	12,241,613	3,223,243	52,387	2,202	91,230	373,670	580,064	9,623,138	7,428,636				Idaho			
Illinois	11,017,350	1,678,086	1,198,772	6,511	6,571	84,166	38,134	417,177	10,962,849					Illinois			
Indiana	3,697,306	4,023,866	1,180,937	5,638	5,638	33,292	47,064	276,100	3,922,225					Indiana			
Iowa	3,821,634	2,456,925	1,180,937	5,638	5,638	33,292	47,064	276,100	3,922,225					Iowa			
Kansas	3,093,128	2,316,035	554,582	5,126	6,572	45,687	478,411	177,307	4,473,634	664,102				Kansas			
Kentucky	2,925,314	2,263,128	275,712	22,306	6,755	36,162	211,658	329,531	1,938,220	140,000				Kentucky			
Louisiana	1,112,725	2,027,100	1,198,772	21,310	8,708	9,283	1,888,676	1,392,066	4,945,116	1,082,060				Louisiana			
Maryland	23,845,826	16,266,515	4,891,630	215,204	15,600	101,863	1,293,657	891,104	6,000,000	1,082,060				Maryland			
Massachusetts	2,960,381	10,690,671	1,818,953	21,570	7,081	39,384	55,647	324,473	6,900,359	655,940				Massachusetts			
Michigan	9,663,645	3,411,760	616,307	8,660	3,236	58,672	191,334	105,927	1,499,260	3,067,500				Michigan			
Minnesota	4,028,067	2,960,381	1,818,953	21,570	7,081	39,384	55,647	324,473	6,900,359	655,940				Minnesota			
Mississippi	4,296,881	1,796,597	3,963,999	88,322	13,062	85,240	2,901,719	900,261	4,782,258	173,972				Mississippi			
Missouri	16,803,016	10,814,412	6,400,505	5,645	5,688	11,144	16,169	74,692	4,449,726	13,7483				Missouri			
Montana	38,293,313	34,040,850	9,629,578	147,714	59,210	216,279	3,146,192	683,068	27,360,992	2,805,263				Montana			
Nebraska	1,989,416	1,973,314	409,316	1,222	1,222	14,909	11,125	525,043	4,239,853	768,280				Nebraska			
Nevada	12,664,453	12,324,285	1,018,598	205,932	15,918	71,160	37,439	409,790	6,430,226	3,078,958				Nevada			
New Hampshire	7,346,205	6,327,697	1,018,598	57,423	33,426	360,371	2,608,203	351,325	2,770,092	11,33,313				New Hampshire			
New Jersey	21,932,837	15,406,163	6,526,674	1,848	3,322	16,030	314,948	229,644	4,782,258	7,15,042				New Jersey			
New Mexico	2,403,695	1,531,928	453,571	31,042	1,470	30,882	101,827	29,907	4,449,726	13,7483				New Mexico			
New York	2,674,309	2,109,158	399,930	31,042	1,964	27,750	57,404	107,968	5,806,006	2,805,263				New York			
North Carolina	3,150,657	3,064,539	435,348	20,180	17,653	107,815	71,703	180,476	2,805,263	2,805,263				North Carolina			
North Dakota	1,989,416	1,973,314	409,316	1,222	1,222	14,909	11,125	525,043	4,239,853	768,280				North Dakota			
Ohio	12,664,453	16,240,125	3,438,332	205,932	15,918	71,160	37,439	409,790	6,430,226	3,078,958				Ohio			
Oklahoma	7,346,205	6,327,697	1,018,598	57,423	33,426	360,371	2,608,203	351,325	2,770,092	11,33,313				Oklahoma			
Oregon	2,674,309	2,109,158	399,930	31,042	1,964	27,750	57,404	107,968	5,806,006	2,805,263				Oregon			
Pennsylvania	2,674,309	2,109,158	399,930	31,042	1,964	27,750	57,404	107,968	5,806,006	2,805,263				Pennsylvania			
Rhode Island	3,150,657	3,064,539	435,348	20,180	17,653	107,815	71,703	180,476	2,805,263	2,805,263				Rhode Island			
South Carolina	3,150,657	3,064,539	435,348	20,180	17,653	107,815	71,703	180,476	2,805,263	2,805,263				South Carolina			
South Dakota	3,150,657	3,064,539	435,348	20,180	17,653	107,815	71,703	180,476	2,805,263	2,805,263				South Dakota			
Tennessee	3,150,657	3,064,539	435,348	20,180	17,653	107,815	71,703	180,476	2,805,263	2,805,263				Tennessee			
Texas	20,418,666	16,240,125	3,438,332	205,932	15,918	71,160	37,439	409,790	6,430,226	3,078,958				Texas			
Utah	2,674,309	2,109,158	399,930	31,042	1,964	27,750	57,404	107,968	5,806,006	2,805,263				Utah			
Vermont	2,674,309	2,109,158	399,930	31,042	1,964	27,750	57,404	107,968	5,806,006	2,805,263				Vermont			
Virginia	7,346,205	6,327,697	1,018,598	57,423	33,426	360,371	2,608,203	351,325	2,770,092	11,33,313				Virginia			
Washington	4,568,200	4,803,543	1,222,898	3,298	2,225	7,680	160,091	618,158	7,371,597	7,428,636				Washington			
West Virginia	7,346,205	6,327,697	1,018,598	57,423	33,426	360,371	2,608,203	351,325	2,770,092	11,33,313				West Virginia			
Wisconsin	4,568,200	4,803,543	1,222,898	3,298	2,225	7,680	160,091	618,158	7,371,597	7,428,636				Wisconsin			
Wyoming	11,017,350	12,241,613	3,223,243	8,546	10,770	51,140	373,670	580,064	9,623,138	7,428,636				Wyoming			
District of Columbia	663,914	135,675	22,997	1,009	2,107	191,763	312,363	86,423	17,402,798	7,102,939				District of Columbia			
Detailed totals ²	319,810,809	284,792,752	(15)	1,606,838	344,392	2,081,064	15,266,059	17,402,798	223,292,989	66,861,364				Detailed totals ²			
Grand total	347,843,543													Grand total			

¹ Financial data only on this table. For number of registrations, etc., see preceding page.
² Eight states thus noted do not report complete details, and receipts are not included in "detailed totals."
³ States for which no figures are shown make appropriations for administration.
⁴ Payments on State highway bonds, except as noted.
⁵ Includes payments on county bonds of \$1,971,291.
⁶ For State general funds.
⁷ For State motor vehicle fee refunds.
⁸ For State highway motor patrol.
⁹ For Baltimore city streets.
¹⁰ County bond payments assumed by State.
¹¹ For auto theft fund.
¹² Includes \$105,106 for new State highway office building and \$251,000 for free bridge commission.
¹³ Interest on notes outstanding.
¹⁴ For New York City general fund.
¹⁵ Includes special State bridge fund.
¹⁶ For administration of fuel tax law.
¹⁷ For traffic control signals, and streets, as appropriated by Congress.
¹⁸ Only 34 States report detail of motor car receipts as follows: Passenger car and bus receipts \$189,499,784, and truck and tractor receipts \$56,955,890, making a total of \$246,455,674.

GASOLINE TAXES, 1929

Total tax earned on motor vehicle fuel, etc., refunds, disposition of fund, and gallons taxed
[From reports of State authorities]

State	Gross tax assessed prior to deduction of refunds	Exemption refunds: (Deducted from gross tax)	Total tax earnings on fuel for motor vehicles 1	Other receipts under tax law (licenses)	Grand total earnings (tax and other receipts)	Disposition of grand total earnings		Tax rates, 1929		Net gallons of gasoline taxed, and used by motor vehicles	
						Collection costs 2	Construction and maintenance on rural roads	Local roads	State and county road bond payments 3		For miscellaneous purposes
							State highways	Local roads	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	
Alabama.....	\$7,105,009		\$7,105,009		\$7,105,009	\$2,367,023	\$3,522,447		4	4	4178,102,903
Arizona.....	2,886,603	\$326,772	2,559,831	\$8	2,559,839	1,599,894	959,945		4	4	63,690,783
Arkansas.....	6,681,029	(6)	6,681,029		6,681,029	4,195,686	420,905		5	5	63,690,783
California.....	37,600,108	5,217,479	34,192,629	585	34,193,214	23,181,265	10,960,668	\$841,588	3	3	1,139,736,244
Colorado.....	5,745,061	527,582	5,217,479	50,083	5,218,064	3,614,804	1,435,478	10 115,807	3	May 1	141,406,801
Connecticut.....	4,047,092	44,612	4,047,092		4,047,175	4,097,175			2	2	202,354,590
Delaware.....	980,559		980,559		980,559	935,947			3	3	31,198,248
Florida.....	12,203,056		12,203,056	28,280	12,231,336	5,666,821	1,544,146	11 5,003,892	4	July 1	223,373,467
Georgia.....	10,224,108		10,224,108		10,224,108	6,567,469	2,195,454	12 1,457,454	4	Sept. 1	219,669,473
Idaho.....	2,204,977	258,997	1,945,980	379	1,946,359	1,932,546			4	4	48,658,984
Illinois 3.....	11,659,778		11,659,778		11,659,778	13,756,519	13 3,878,250		0	Aug. 1	13 388,659,266
Indiana.....	16,429,211	818,960	15,610,251	289	15,610,540	11,683,078	2,920,770	16 973,590	3	Apr. 1	410,936,759
Iowa.....	10,088,831	713,046	9,355,785		9,355,785	6,371,205	4,712,277		3	Apr. 1	311,859,516
Kansas.....	9,733,375	1,562,170	8,171,205	(17)	8,171,205	6,371,205	1,800,000		3	Apr. 1	288,716,546
Kentucky.....	7,742,564		7,742,564		7,742,564	7,716,787			5	5	154,717,831
Louisiana.....	6,979,699	1,048	6,978,651	(45)	6,978,651	5,255,782	1,722,869		2	Jan. 3	176,645,631
Maine.....	3,841,476	132,704	3,708,682		3,708,682	2,301,644	1,380,986		4	4	91,610,422
Maryland.....	9,888,740	6,537,418	6,537,418		6,537,418	5,085,734			4	4	487,940,778
Massachusetts.....	23,538,077	2,240,068	21,298,009	3,920	21,312,929	11,058,317	2,968,009	20 403,920	2	2	338,631,771
Michigan.....	9,631,151	739,026	8,892,125		8,892,125	7,736,601	6,283,903		3	May 1	140,902,401
Minnesota.....	7,045,120	185,933	7,045,120	131,006	7,176,126	7,625,732	4,223,532		5	5	384,033,575
Mississippi.....	7,866,605	60,567	7,866,605		7,866,605	7,888,433			3	3	57,514,249
Missouri.....	3,767,737	965,720	3,767,737		3,767,737	2,788,433	1,804,550		2	Apr. 29	208,869,358
Montana.....	860,046	60,260	800,046		800,046	5,982,429			2	2	16,307,535
Nebraska.....	712,507	60,206	652,301		652,301	1,700,289	52,924		4	4	498,063,808
Nevada.....	2,332,906		2,332,906		2,332,906	1,599,377			4	4	56,676,284
New Hampshire.....	9,961,276		9,961,276		9,961,276	9,886,064	566,763	21 90,000	2	2	48,479,332
New Jersey.....	2,273,966		2,273,966		2,273,966	1,752,722	491,250		5	5	962,601,285
New Mexico.....	19,488,422	433,248	19,055,174	15,801	19,070,975	14,278,044	3,807,478	27 1,001,870	0	May 1	260,210,528
New York 2.....	12,506,185	499,801	12,006,384	32,218	12,006,384	7,702,647	4,294,737		2	Apr. 1	71,591,708
North Carolina.....	2,968,370	1,169,144	1,799,226		1,799,226	1,396,102	380,000		2	2	910,154,885
North Dakota.....	35,741,107	1,638,919	34,082,188	1,876	34,082,188	21,316,968	6,507,787	2 6,197,433	3	Apr. 17	314,388,232
Ohio.....	10,870,642	29,033	10,841,609		10,841,609	7,798,066	3,043,543		3	June 22	30 152,090,900
Oklahoma.....	4,888,886	346,284	4,542,602		4,542,602	4,533,751			3	3	1,047,914,175
Oregon.....	35,887,503	140,180	35,747,314	10,502	35,757,816	27,001,099	3,333,187		2	2	77,826,879
Pennsylvania.....	1,556,538	13,779	1,542,759	3,202	1,545,961	1,160,271	1,145,179		5	Mar. 16	118,038,130
Rhode Island.....	6,880,951	29,343	6,851,608	4,468	6,856,076	5,725,897	845,416	\$ 103,955	4	4	88,614,138
South Carolina.....	4,680,153	1,134,388	3,545,765		3,545,765	4,936,989	31 2,888,081		3	Feb. 17	194,497,225
South Dakota.....	9,290,853		9,290,853		9,290,853	4,645,454	438,500	32 5,579,373	2	5	761,421,692
Tennessee.....	23,092,702	775,208	22,317,494	384	22,317,494	16,738,121	1,719,329		3	3	56,546,967
Texas.....	1,973,226		1,973,226		1,973,226	1,536,900			3 1/2	3 1/2	43,990,554
Utah.....	1,703,091		1,703,091		1,703,091	1,703,091			2	Apr. 1	197,898,821
Virginia.....	10,419,421	524,480	9,894,941		9,894,941	6,596,627	3,298,314		5	5	233,333,370
Washington.....	6,461,106	518,067	5,943,039		5,943,039	4,663,362	1,279,677		2	July 1	121,654,788
West Virginia.....	5,061,572	195,380	4,866,192	7,106	4,873,298	2,376,725	2,496,573		4	4	374,251,957
Wisconsin.....	7,867,899	382,860	7,485,039		7,485,039	1,024,157	16 538,877		2	2	34,242,816
Wyoming.....	1,296,299		1,296,299		1,296,299	1,024,157	208,076		3	Apr. 1	71,409,632
District of Columbia.....	1,437,754	9,573	1,428,181		1,428,181				2	2	
Total.....	431,311,519		431,311,519	324,935	431,636,454	287,967,756	85,113,708	24,405,027	A ver. rate--3.22		1,180,662

1 This is the net gasoline tax earned after deduction of refunds for exemptions according to law.
 2 Many States pay collections costs from other State funds, and when the amounts are reported they are noted.
 3 Payments for State highway bonds except as noted.
 4 Includes 1,075,385 gallons at 2-cent rate under old law but not previously reported.
 5 Paid from State budget, \$14,433.
 6 No refunds reported this year.
 7 Consists of \$514,439 for State bonds and \$1,516,684 for county bonds.
 8 Reserve for refunds.
 9 Includes all expenses of State inspector of oils.
 10 For town and city streets.
 11 Consists of \$2,756,354 for city streets, \$2,233,735 for schools and permanent buildings, and \$11,803 for refund reserve.
 12 For public schools.
 13 For last 5 months of year.
 14 Estimate from 1927 data.
 15 Funds held by courts pending decision.
 16 For city streets.
 17 From State general fund, \$15,000.
 18 State appropriation of \$7,500.
 19 For Baltimore city streets and grade crossings.
 20 Consists of \$400,000 for city streets and \$3,920 (from dealers' licenses) to State general fund.
 21 Special additional tax of 2 and 3 cents in Hancock and Harrison Counties for sea wall to protect road.
 22 Gallons taxed for highway purposes and also reported separately as taxed for sea wall included only once.
 23 Exemption claimed upon purchase.
 24 For State department of commerce and navigation.
 25 For last 8 months of year.
 26 Charged to State general fund, \$24,504.
 27 Consists of \$50,000 for reserve for refunds and \$951,870 for New York City.
 28 Consists of \$75,000 for rotary fund for refunds and \$6,122,433 for municipal streets.
 29 Tax increased to 4 cents on Jan. 1, 1930.
 30 Includes 4,025,392 gallons of distillate taxed at 2 1/2 cents.
 31 Consists of \$652,833 for State bond payments and \$1,935,249 for county bonds.
 32 Free school fund.
 33 State appropriation of \$11,088.
 34 Paid from motor-vehicle fund, \$7,000.
 35 For repair and improvement of Washington streets.
 36 Approximate grand total of gallons of gasoline consumed by motor vehicles allowing for estimated gallons used in Illinois and New York during early months in year when no tax was assessed.

SOIL SAMPLING WITH A COMPRESSED AIR UNIT

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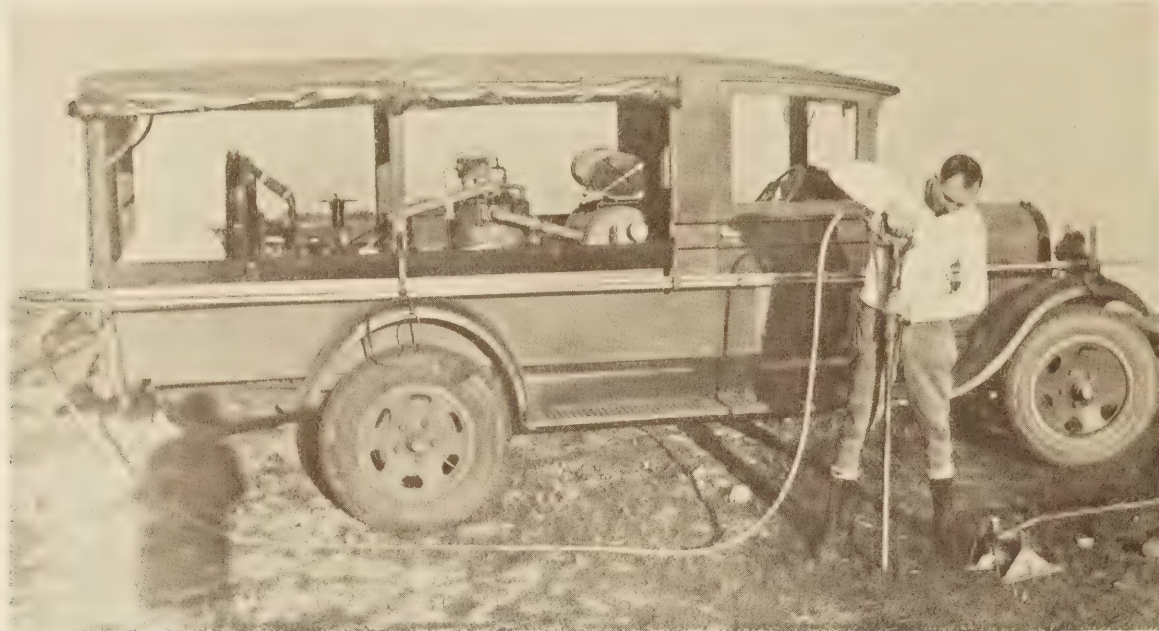


FIGURE 1.—COMPRESSOR UNIT MOUNTED ON TRUCK

In making investigations regarding rainfall penetration in southern California, the authors¹ are conducting soil moisture studies in which soil samples are taken at 1-foot intervals to a depth of 18 feet, using the improved soil tube.² The success of this work depends, to a considerable extent, upon the speed with which a large number of samples can be obtained, and since the physical effort required may become the limiting factor in obtaining samples at considerable depths, a compressed-air unit has been adapted for use in driving the tubes in order that as many samples as desired can be taken quickly and easily. A description of the apparatus is presented as it may be of interest to investigators in several fields, such as that of highway engineering.

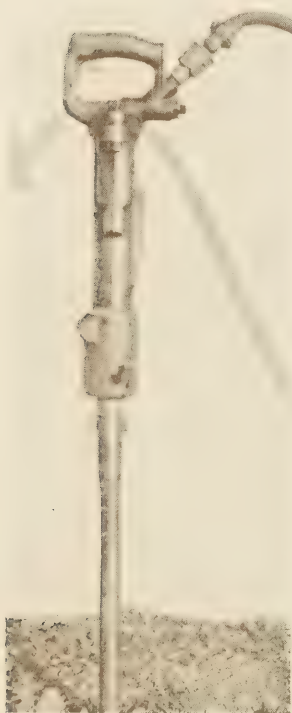


FIGURE 2.—AIR HAMMER

hose. Figures 1 and 2 show the mounting of the ap-

paratus and the manner in which soil tubes are driven. The compressor unit consists of a 2-cylinder air compressor coupled directly to a 4-cylinder gasoline engine with a self-starter. The air receiver and gasoline tank are mounted in front of the compressor. The complete unit is mounted on a channel iron frame and bolted to one side of the truck floor, thus leaving one-half of the truck body space available for carrying other equipment. A reel with 100 feet of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rubber hose is mounted at the back of the truck, and special hose couplings permit connections to be quickly made to the hammer and compressor. An air pressure control automatically maintains any desired pressure up to 150 pounds per square inch and the displacement of the compressor is 59 cubic feet per minute at 800 revolutions per minute.

The hammer is of the clay-digger type, capable, when working under an air pressure of 100 pounds per square inch, of delivering 2,250 blows per minute, each blow striking with a force of 16 foot-pounds. Extending down into the soil tube is a 6-inch guide rod, the shoulder of which may be seen resting against the end of the soil tube in Figure 2. The trigger grip gives the operator ready control of the hammer, and by properly cramping the guide rod in the end of the soil tube, very little vibration is transmitted to the arms of the operator. The jack³ used for pulling the soil tubes is shown on the ground in Figure 1.

The set-up for sampling is quickly made, as it is only necessary to reel the hose out to the desired location and snap it onto the compressor. This unit has been in use since October, 1929, and has proved very satisfactory. It is estimated that the time of sampling has been cut to one-third of that required for handwork.

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² "An Improved Soil-sampling Tube," by F. J. Veihmeyer, Soil Science, Vol XXVII, No. 2 (February, 1929).

³ "An Efficient Soil Tube Jack," by C. A. Taylor and H. F. Blaney, Soil Science, Vol. XXVII, No. 5 (May, 1929).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS
CURRENT STATUS OF FEDERAL AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

AS OF
MARCH 31, 1930

STATE	COMPLETED MILEAGE			UNDER CONSTRUCTION			APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION			BALANCE OF FEDERAL AID FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PROJECTS			STATE
	Estimated total cost	Federal aid allotted		Estimated total cost	Federal aid		Estimated total cost	Federal aid		Estimated total cost	Federal aid		
		Initial	Stage ¹		Total	Initial		Stage ¹	Total		Initial	Stage ¹	
Alabama	1,947,423.11	967,297.62	21.0	69.8	90.8	510,075.83	255,037.91	21.7	1.1	22.8	3,202,594.73	Alabama	
Arizona	3,532,598.06	2,651,919.56	133.8	288.0	124.2	1,324,370.00	187,121.20	4.6	19.2	23.8	1,949,258.98	Arizona	
Arkansas	5,473,611.07	2,551,352.89	31.9	175.7	175.7	1,324,370.00	585,075.03	54.2	18.9	73.1	1,333,302.74	Arkansas	
California	6,745,866.53	2,983,289.64	8.9	176.8	176.8	1,277,090.21	287,727.02	6.7	16.0	22.7	1,457,821.23	California	
Colorado	4,529,086.13	2,359,012.11	38.7	216.8	216.8	571,883.75	318,322.63	32.3	32.3	32.3	2,146,030.42	Colorado	
Connecticut	1,085,850.67	455,428.90	5.5	6.5	6.5	1,336,849.84	567,777.59	7.1	7.1	7.1	618,817.96	Connecticut	
Delaware	249.3	601,315.95	15.6	18.6	18.6	374,914.90	172,500.85	15.9		15.9	239,105.44	Delaware	
Florida	5,002,294.59	2,269,116.74	102.0	46.8	46.8	368,123.82	43,591.95	11.4		11.4	1,146,280.48	Florida	
Georgia	2,721.2	1,131,814.96	38.3	8.5	8.5	358,123.82	179,584.79	20.4	.3	20.7	3,660,711.60	Georgia	
Idaho	1,193.9	713,106.23	430.934.82	55.7	83.5	242,133.15	145,452.71	24.3		24.3	1,311,447.00	Idaho	
Illinois	2,034.6	15,137,352.22	6,676,755.85	430.1	430.1	609,859.67	304,929.33	20.7	2.6	20.7	5,742,647.49	Illinois	
Indiana	1,344.0	7,509,467.02	233.1	233.1	233.1	374,724.44	178,170.00	11.9		11.9	1,944,445.43	Indiana	
Iowa	3,130.0	819,396.20	343,539.63	15.1	33.6	4,594,049.99	2,034,098.01	30.6	138.9	169.5	37,833.61	Iowa	
Kansas	2,717.6	4,755,346.35	2,197,784.31	284.0	311.5	1,478,303.18	727,360.10	75.9	8.3	84.2	1,514,965.75	Kansas	
Kentucky	1,397.8	4,239,953.63	2,013,037.35	235.6	255.7						1,856,480.70	Kentucky	
Louisiana	1,355.7	4,070,418.63	1,968,556.96	126.1	139.6	628,770.56	307,613.70	10.1	1.8	11.9	1,473,105.97	Louisiana	
Maine	520.0	1,508,021.15	736,937.56	47.5	47.5	871,912.01	43,966.00	5.6		5.6	1,530,800.42	Maine	
Maryland	530.7	1,428,468.69	598,751.99	59.0	59.0	204,541.50	82,859.63	7.6	2.1	9.7	582,274.28	Maryland	
Massachusetts	680.2	2,357,902.65	733,497.62	31.0	31.0	576,151.15	183,061.60	17.8	2.6	10.6	2,103,642.60	Massachusetts	
Michigan	1,605.1	9,391,839.03	4,001,321.46	209.6	240.1	421,348.73	204,446.00	8.0		17.8	2,066,433.60	Michigan	
Minnesota	4,107.5	5,684,979.57	1,554,300.00	144.9	230.2	5,328,379.60	1,190,475.61	77.0	161.4	238.4	147,703.39	Minnesota	
Mississippi	1,810.5	1,846,209.28	716,929.45	65.6	73.3	7,012,636.09	2,309,410.71	95.3	73.9	169.2	2,647,800.78	Mississippi	
Missouri	2,435.0	5,373,345.10	2,046,191.17	74.1	140.8	970,567.45	527,822.26	63.2	50.8	114.0	195,638.08	Missouri	
Montana	1,722.2	7,543,695.71	4,393,696.42	519.4	532.2						2,963,296.35	Montana	
Nebraska	3,596.3	7,290,479.06	3,471,451.51	330.5	479.6	1,271,875.37	531,698.22	29.4	39.4	68.8	1,707,151.01	Nebraska	
Nevada	1,124.1	1,274,254.02	1,122,892.46	120.4	217.2	301,197.58	123,605.15	17.8	32.7	32.7	585,156.33	Nevada	
New Hampshire	350.6	414,824.02	111,495.00	5.4	7.5	183,425.63	71,206.14	2.1		2.1	377,976.34	New Hampshire	
New Jersey	500.2	4,136,850.77	852,015.00	56.8	56.8	814,414.64	571,456.47	18.4	16.2	36.6	1,061,319.08	New Jersey	
New Mexico	1,325.0	3,222,209.17	2,047,523.55	185.5	185.5	5,586,400.00	899,580.00	65.7		65.7	711,861.51	New Mexico	
New York	2,458.2	18,480,217.76	3,787,505.00	253.2	253.2						6,307,935.08	New York	
North Carolina	1,765.2	1,519,021.81	748,811.25	92.0	114.3	5,098,490.24	745,040.21	76.1	165.8	241.9	2,112,719.59	North Carolina	
North Dakota	4,175.7	1,196,709.89	482,732.47	205.4	307.0	1,786,183.97	916,867.41	313.1	155.8	478.9	1,124,324.24	North Dakota	
Ohio	2,177.8	12,929,659.21	3,750,225.17	206.9	226.7	6,881,324.21	2,418,079.39	135.5	80.3	215.8	1,682,333.35	Ohio	
Oklahoma	1,873.8	2,684,035.66	1,198,301.72	80.4	110.1	2,478,599.42	1,070,123.01	61.1	43.2	104.3	617,382.08	Oklahoma	
Oregon	1,147.7	2,809,226.38	1,687,825.48	176.9	233.1	2,254,451.65	1,263,658.38	50.9	29.2	80.1	286,940.38	Oregon	
Pennsylvania	2,265.2	14,653,228.83	3,494,652.43	212.9	227.0	4,275,514.21	1,124,861.25	60.0		60.0	2,061,894.90	Pennsylvania	
Rhode Island	194.9	1,381,618.95	395,698.58	18.5	18.5	1,679,062.09	571,970.84	41.0	32.9	73.9	617,574.62	Rhode Island	
South Carolina	1,696.7	2,699,920.73	1,035,176.18	86.5	108.9	602,425.30	308,794.28	46.7	47.8	94.5	840,066.19	South Carolina	
South Dakota	3,450.7	4,667,751.42	2,162,173.18	423.7	540.5						783,348.50	South Dakota	
Tennessee	1,243.3	1,871,857.29	917,145.15	74.8	74.8	695,577.23	342,798.67	19.0	12.5	31.5	2,138,285.12	Tennessee	
Texas	6,745.0	10,826,830.55	4,394,689.44	311.6	401.2	2,527,554.33	1,005,631.57	110.6	23.9	134.5	5,844,082.67	Texas	
Utah	989.9	589,171.08	381,932.01	25.8	25.8	404,693.19	236,379.18	21.8	8.1	29.9	745,883.39	Utah	
Vermont	257.8	1,009,330.13	299,380.24	20.1	20.1	1,343,211.60	259,344.01	22.4	2.6	25.0	81,873.19	Vermont	
Virginia	1,413.9	3,335,503.10	1,652,568.09	145.1	160.7	1,249,474.85	600,904.46	35.1	7.7	42.8	389,648.61	Virginia	
Washington	914.4	3,238,771.51	1,215,000.00	64.9	105.1	742,854.61	324,200.00	24.3		24.3	1,036,961.29	Washington	
West Virginia	712.9	3,170,534.29	1,207,156.33	75.4	87.9	735,889.87	350,767.91	14.1	6.2	20.3	455,471.78	West Virginia	
Wisconsin	2,259.1	3,194,816.98	1,399,186.11	121.0	127.0	684,293.71	270,000.00	18.8		18.8	1,827,965.68	Wisconsin	
Wyoming	1,757.1	1,333,730.81	862,873.64	118.6	142.9	34,843.01	22,874.43	4.7		4.7	929,006.82	Wyoming	
Hawaii	39.5	964,949.48	394,686.43	23.2	23.2						1,439,289.16	Hawaii	
TOTALS	83,298.0	211,430,846.31	85,811,322.25	6,823.5	1,362.6	67,381,304.68	25,523,103.05	1,813.1	985.8	2,798.9	75,469,846.90	TOTALS	

¹The term stage construction refers to additional work done on projects previously improved with Federal aid. In general, such additional work consists of the construction of a surface of higher type than was provided in the initial improvement.

