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## SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF TRAFFIC ON NEW JERSEY HIGHWAYS

EXTRACTS FROM A REPORT ON THE NEW JERSEY TRAFFIC SURVEY ${ }^{1}$

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Collecting Data on Characteristics of Truck Traffic

FIELD observations in the New Jersey traffic survey were carried on at 352 observation stations located over the entire State highway system and on the principal county routes. Observations were made from August 1932 to August 1933. Traffic data were recorded upon more than 1,000 sections of highway at the stations with locations as shown in figure 1.

Traffic volumes of all motor vehicles, and of trucks, busses, and foreign vehicles are presented graphically in figures 2, 3, 4, and 5. Passenger cars were 86 percent of all observed vehicles, trucks 12 percent, and busses 2 percent. Heaviest traffic volumes were at the Holland Tunnel, Camden-Philadelphia Bridge, the High-Level Viaduct between Newark and Jersey City and on U S 1 southeast of Elizabeth. Average daily traffic exceeded 25,000 vehicles at all these locations, while west of Montclair on the Montclair-Caldwell Highway and west of Jersey City on the Newark Turnpike there were between 24,000 and 25,000 vehicles per day.

HEAVY PEAK TRAFFIC FOUND ON A NUMBER OF ROUTES
Peak traffic exceeded 50,000 vehicles per day on the Philadelphia-Camden Bridge and was more than 40,000 per day at other locations. Routes leading to shore resorts had the highest ratios of maximum daily traffic to average daily traffic. Near Weymouth on N J 42 , the ratio exceeded 700 percent and ratios in excess of 500 percent were found southeast of Cedar Bridge on N J S-40 toward Long Beach and on a county route connecting with Atlantic Highlands southwest of New Monmouth. These ratios are of special significance in considering pavement width and right-of-way width re-
quirements. Eighty-four sections of highway throughout the State were found with ratios of peak to average traffic in excess of 300 percent.
The heaviest traffic volume was on U S 1 between Trenton and the Holland Tunnel which averaged more than 16,000 vehicles per day throughout its length. Other routes with average volumes greater than 5,000 per day include: N J 4, George Washington Bridge to Paterson; county road, West Caldwell to Belleville to Jersey City; county road, N J S-1, N J 6, and N J 9-W, Bayonne to Coxiesville to Alpine to the New York State line; U S 9-W and county road, Hoboken to Leonia to New York State line; N J 5-N and 24, Mount Tabor to Morristown to Newark; N J 29, Hillside to Somerville; U S 22, Elizabeth to Somerville to Phillipsburg; county road, East Rutherford to Paterson to Pompton to Lakeside; N J. 27, Trenton to Newark; N J 35, South Amboy to Point Pleasant to Lakewood; N J 2, Harrison to the New York State line; U S 30 and county road, Camden to Atlantic City; N J S-41, Berlin to Palmyra; N J 6 and S-6, Fort Lee to Paterson to Delaware; county road between Fort Lee and junction with N J 6 west of Bogota; N J 25, New Brunswick to Bordentown to Camden; U S 130, Bordentown to Trenton; N J 42 and county road, Camden to Atlantic City; N J 23 and 8-N and county road, Newark to New York State line; a total of 20 sections or 675 miles of highway. There are over 1,000 trucks per day on 4 of these routes, with the largest average, 2,690 trucks per

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Figure 1.-Location of Traffic Survey Stations on State and Important County Highways.


Figure-2.-Average Daily Motor Vehicle Traffic on State and Important County Highways.


Figure 3.-Average Daily Density of Foreign Vehicle Traffic on State and Important County Highways.


Figure 4.-Averaget Daily Density of Motor Truck Traffic on State and Important County Highways. Number of Trucks of More than $11 / 2$ Tons Capacity are Indicated by Solid Black Within the Truck Flow Band, and are Shown only for those Routes where Detailed Information was Obtained in the Field. Truck Capacities on Sections of Highway Within Closely Built Urban Areas are not Shown where Intersections with Cross Routes are Frequent.
day, on U S 1 between the High-Level Viaduct and Trenton.

Figure 2 shows the average daily traffic on State and important county highways.

Traffic volume was greatest in August-about 132 percent of that of the average month. Foreign traffic varied more widely than local traffic, the range being from 52 to 177 percent of that of the average month. Local traffic varied from a low of 77 percent in February to a high of 122 percent in each of the 3 months of June, July, and August.

Foreign traffic had a large daily variation from a low of 94 percent of the average on Tuesdays and Thursdays to a maximum of 206 percent on Sundays, as compared with a range of 92 to 122 percent for local traffic.

NEW JERSEY HIGHWAYS CARRY A LARGE VOLUME OF FOREIGN TRAFFIC
The average daily traffic density of foreign vehicles is shown in figure 3. Foreign vehicles averaged 18 percent of all observed vehicles. Nearly one-half ( 46 percent) of foreign vehicles were from New York, 41 percent from Pennsylvania, and not quite 13 percent were from other States. They follow well-known State and county highways and are most prominent on crossState routes. Their volume has no fixed relation to total traffic. For example, U S $9-\mathrm{W}$ from Jersey City to the northern New Jersey State line had a traffic of 11,821 vehicles per day, of which 26 percent was foreign, while the county road from West Caldwell to Jersey City-a direct connection from N J 6 to the latter city, though comparatively unknown to touristshad practically the same traffic volume, and a percentage of foreign traffic of but 13 . Similarly, U S 30 from Camden to Atlantic City, N J 6 and S 6 from Fort Lee to the Delaware line, each with an average traffic practically equal to that of N J 35 from South Amboy to Lakewood, carried 44 and 22 percent of foreign traffic as against 10 percent on N J 35.

## THROUGH ROUTES CARRY LARGE VOLUME OF TRUCK TRAFFIC

The average daily density of motor truck traffic is shown in figure 4. Truck traffic in New Jersey was 12 percent of all motor traffic, although there was considerable variation in the percentages on different routes. For example, on the Pennsylvania Railroad ferries at Camden trucks were more than one-half of all traffic and on the Reading ferries, 44 percent. The heaviest truck traffic was found on U S 1, exceeding 1,200 trucks per day at all points except the by-pass around New Brunswick.

Figure 5 shows the average daily density of motor bus traffic.

## INTENSIVE USE MADE OF STATE SYSTEM

The average daily traffic on the New Jersey State highway system was 4,659 , of which 3,996 were passenger vehicles. This represents an annual use of the State system of 2,609 million vehicle-miles, or approximately 81 percent of the annual use of the Michigan trunk lines, although average use per mile in New Jersey is approximately four times that in Michigan.

Use per mile of the State system was greatest in Hudson, Union, Bergen, Camden, and Middlesex Counties-listed in order of magnitude. The average daily traffic was in excess of 8,000 vehicles in all five counties, with an average of 16,608 vehicles daily on State highways in Hudson County. Population per square mile is heaviest in these counties and follows the
same order as the use of the highways. Hudson County has 16,063 persons per square mile and all of these counties, except Middlesex, have more than 1,000 persons per square mile. Average daily traffic was least in Cape May, Salem, and Sussex Counties, but in none of these does average traffic on State highways drop below 1,600 per day, indicating that even in counties of relatively light population density, usage of 'State highways is relatively high.

Foreign passenger cars constitute a much higher percentage of the total traffic on the New Jersey State highway system than they do in many other eastern States. For the whole State of New Jersey the percentage of highway use by foreign passenger cars was 24.3 , as compared with 10.2 percent in Ohio and 10.8 in Michigan. This percentage is exceeded in several of the western States, but foreign passenger-car-miles in all such States are less than one-third of the amount in New Jersey.

Similar data were obtained on a portion of the county highways of New Jersey, but since only the important county routes were included in the survey, a direct comparison between State and county routes would be inaccurate. Although the coverage of county roads was incomplete some of the proportions are worth noting. Foreign passenger vehicles constituted 12 percent of the passenger vehicles on county roads, less than half the percentage found on the State system. A comparison of the density of passenger vehicle traffic on State and county roads in certain of the counties indicates the importance of certain county routes. In Essex County the figures are 4,838 passenger vehicles daily on State highways, and 5,987 on county roads. In Hudson, Monmouth, Passaic, and Salem Counties the averages for the county roads are close to those for the State highways.

Use of the State system by passenger cars originating in local and adjacent counties was 71.8 percent of the total use in Essex, Hudson, Union, Passaic, Morris, and Bergen Counties, and averaged 51.8 percent in the remainder of the State. Despite the large volumes of foreign traffic that pour through these counties, which are in the New York metropolitan area, the local use of the State system was nearly 40 percent more than in the rest of the State.

In the resort counties of Atlantic, Cape May, and Warren the percentage of use of the State system by foreign cars was 40.7 , as compared with 22.7 percent for the remainder of the State. The significance of such foreign use is greatly increased when it is noted that both Atlantic and Cape May Counties are removed from adjacent States and that all foreign cars must pass through other counties to reach these two. Nearly 43 percent of the total travel in these two counties was by foreign cars. Warren County is adjacent to Pennsylvania and so receives large numbers of local trips by passenger cars with foreign plates.

Monmouth, Ocean, and Sussex are largely resort counties and are much more heavily patronized by New Jersey residents than by those from other States. The proportion of passenger car use of the State system in these three counties by residents of nonadjacent counties was 35.4 percent, as compared with 14.2 percent for the remainder of the State.
ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF TRAFFIC AT PRINCIPAL STATE OUTLETS STUDIED
Nearly 125,000 motor vehicles entered or left New Jersey each day by way of 15 principal river crossings.


Figure 5.-Average Daily Density of Motor Bus Traffic on State and Important County Highways.


|  | Daily average traffic | Percent of total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | New Jersey traffic | Through traffic |
| 15_crossings, total | 124,277 | 83.7 | 16.3 |
| Hudson River crossings |  |  |  |
| 1. Holland Tunnel | 30,036 | 18.6 | 5. 6 |
| 2. George Washington Bridge <br> 3. Alpine. Yonkers Ferry | 15,840 808 | 7.8 .4 | 5.0 .3 |
| Delaware River crossings |  |  |  |
| 4. Columbia-Portland Bridge | 952 | . 7 | (1) |
| 5. Delaware-Portland Bridge | 2,556 | 1.2 | . 9 |
| 6. Phillipsburg-Easton Bridge | 16,958 | 12.5 | 1.1 |
| 7. Trenton-Langhorne Bridge | 6,091 | 3.6 | 1.3 |
| 8. Trenton-Morrisville Bridge | 11,615 | 7.8 | 1. 5 |
| 9. Burlington-Bristol Bridge | 651 | . 5 | (1) |
| 10. Palmyra-Philadelphia Bridge | 3,443 | 2. 7 | (1) |
| 11. Camden-Philadelphia Bridge | 27,491 | 21.8 | . 3 |
| 12. Camden-Philadelphla Ferry (Pennsylvania R. R.) | 1,938 | 1.6 | (1) |
| 13. Camden-Philadelphia Ferry (Reading R. R.) | 3,775 | 3.0 | (1) |
| 14. Bridgeport-Chester Ferry | -762 | . 6 | (1) |
| 15. Pennsville-Newcastle Ferry | 1,361 | . 8 | . 3 |

[^1]Figure 6.-Traffic Originating or Terminating in New Jersey and Through Traffic Using Hudson and Delaware River Crossings.

About 47,000 crossed the Hudson River on the George Washington Bridge, the Holland Tunnel, or the AlpineYonkers Ferry, and nearly 78,000 crossed the Delaware River at 12 points. Twenty-nine percent of the cars which crossed the Hudson represented through traffic, originating at points outside of New Jersey and passing through the State without stop-over. In contrast only 9 percent of the vehicles crossing the Delaware passed through New Jersey without stopping, and 91 percent either stopped or started in New Jersey.

The location of each crossing, together with the amounts of through traffic and New Jersey traffic, are shown in figure 6. The total length of each bar represents the relative part of total traffic using the crossing, while the black portion represents New Jersey traffic and the white portion through traffic. Traffic through the Holland Tunnel was greater than that at any other crossing in respect to both total and through traffic. The George Washington Bridge, although carrying only a little more than half the total traffic volume of the Holland Tunnel, had almost as much through traffic as the latter.

Relatively more New Jersey traffic crossed the Cam-den-Philadelphia Bridge than at any other crossing, but through traffic was comparatively unimportant at this crossing. Traffic at the Phillipsburg-Easton Bridge was greater in volume than that at the George Washington Bridge but was almost entirely local- 80 percent of it either originated or terminated in the county in which the crossing is located, and only 8 percent was through traffic. The Delaware-Portland Bridge carried 42 percent through traffic, a greater proportion than any other crossing. One-fourth of all vehicles crossing the Trenton-Langhorne Bridge had both termini outside New Jersey, and one-sixth of all cars crossing the Trenton-Morrisville Bridge were of this class. Through traffic was relatively unimportant at the Columbia-Portland, Burlington-Bristol, and Palmyra-Philadelphia Bridges, at both railroad ferries between Camden and Philadelphia, and at the Bridge-port-Chester Ferry. More than one-fourth of the traffic over the Pennsville-New Castle Ferry was through traffic.

The relative importance of the contribution of each New Jersey locality to the traffic traversing the 15 principal Hudson and Delaware River crossings is given in detail for each county and principal city in table 1. This information is also presented graphically in figures 7 and 8 , in which the areas of the circles are proportional to the percentage of total traffic which originated or terminated in the designated cities and counties. The greatest percentage of this traffic centered in Camden County, where 14 out of every hundred vehicles entering or leaving New Jersey each day by way of these principal crossings either ended or began their journeys. Warren County was the origin or destination of almost 12 percent of all such traffic, 10 vehicles out of the 12 representing traffic to or from Phillipsburg. Mercer County, which accounted for 10.5 percent of total principal river-crossing traffic, is third in importance in this classification, with Trenton taking more than 90 percent of total county traffic. More than 9 percent of total river-crossing traffic was to or from Essex County, with Newark alone taking more than half that volume. Atlantic and Hudson Counties each accounted for more than 6 percent of


Areas of circles are proportional to percentage of total traffic originating and terminating in designated localities. An asterisk indicates localities for which traffic was less than 0.1 percent. Values for these localities are included in general county total wherever possible. No traffic was reporties on left bank. Through traffic, neither originating nor terminating in New Jersey, is shown only in the table above.

Daily average number of vehicles using these crossings, 124,277

|  | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Through traffic_ | $20,282$ | 16. 3 |
| New Jersey trarfic | 103,995 | 83.7 |
| Principal counties: |  |  |
| Camden. | 17,495 | 14. 1 |
| Warren | 14,893 | 12.0 |
| Merce | 13,056 | 10.5 |
| Essex | 11,342 | 9.1 |
| Atlantic | 8,000 | 6.4 |
| Hudson | 7,766 | 6. 3 |
| Bergen. | 6,186 | 5.0 |
| Total. | 78,738 | 63.4 |
| Other counties | 25,257 | 20.3 |

Figure 7.-Areas Served by Fifteen Hudson and Delaware River Crossings.
the total, and Bergen County, 5 percent. Traffic of Burlington, Gloucester, Passaic, and Union Counties each furnished between 2 and 4 percent of the total; Monmouth, Middlesex, Morris, Cumberland, and Cape May Counties, furnished between 1 and 2 percent each; and Ocean, Salem, Hunterdon, Somerset, and Sussex Counties furnished less than 1 percent each.


Figure 8.-Areas Served by Fifteen Hudson and Delaware River Crossingis.

TRAFFIC FROM PRINCIPAL CITIES OF NEW JERSEY TO STATE OUTLETS STUDIED
The two chief factors which determined the route followed by traffic between outside States and certain New Jersey cities, by way of the principal Hudson and Delaware River crossings, were the proximity of the crossing to the city and the general nature and direction of the highways which connected them. The flow of average daily traffic to and from selected cities, shown in table 2, distinctly indicates this tendency. Figures for the 8 cities which have the greatest amount of traffic by way of the Hudson and Delaware River crossings here considered, are arranged in the general order of their location. The first 4 cities are in the Hudson River area, the next 3 on the Delaware, and the last on the Atlantic seaboard in the southern part of the State. Within the Hudson and Delaware River groups, the cities are arranged from north to south, Paterson and Hackensack being north of Jersey City and Newark, and Phillipsburg, Trenton, and Camden at about equal intervals from north to south on the Delaware, while Atlantic City is across the State southeast of Camden.

The Holland Tunnel and the George Washington Bridge are approximately the same distance from Paterson, but the highway to the bridge is much more direct. Hence almost half the Paterson traffic by way of Hudson and Delaware River crossings passed over the George Washington Bridge and something more than a third through the Holland Tunnel, which traffic, together with the small amount crossing on the AlpineYonkers Ferry, accounted for about seven-eighths of the total. Hackensack, on the other hand, which is about twice as far from the Holland Tunnel as from the George Washington Bridge, and is connected with both by equally good roads, received more than three-quarters of its river crossing traffic over the George Washington Bridge and about one-fifth through the Holland Tunnel.

TABLe 1.-Daily average traffic using Hudson and Delaware River crossings analyzed by origin or destination


Less than 0.1 percent.
Includes cities for which traffic was less than 0.1 percent.
Since the Holland Tunnel emerges in Jersey City, it is not surprising to find that 80 percent of the Jersey City river-crossing traffic passes through the tunnel, and about 13 percent over the George Washington Bridge, which is the second nearest principal crossing. Newark's nearest river crossing is also the Holland Tunnel and is connected with it by highly improved roads, with the result that 74 percent of its traffic is through the tunnel and 11 percent by way of the more distant George Washington Bridge. Hackensack is relatively
near the George Washington Bridge and distant from the Holland Tunnel while the reverse is true of distances from Newark to the crossings. In both cases the percentages of traffic using the near and far crossings are about the same. Each city is also about the same distance from its next most important crossing, but almost twice as great a part of Hackensack's total traffic came from this secondary source. The greater importance of Newark as an industrial and commercial center, as well as its more direct accessibility to the principal crossings on the Delaware River, may explain a more general dispersion of its traffic with outside States than was found in the case of any other of the principal cities. Approximately half of Newark's daily traffic from river crossings other than the Holland Tunnel, came over the Hudson and the other half came over Delaware River crossings.

In marked contrast, the river-crossing traffic of Phillipsburg was confined almost exclusively to the Phillipsburg-Easton Bridge. Phillipsburg is not one of the larger cities of New Jersey, its population in 1930 being only 19,255 . Its situation directly across the Delaware from Easton, Pa., which is about twice as large, and within 20 miles of Bethlehem and Allentown, Pa., both of which are of considerable importance industrially, accounts for an interchange of traffic over this principal river crossing similar to the shuttle-flow of traffic within the boundaries of a large city. On this account it is necessary to discount considerably the apparent importance of Phillipsburg as the point of origin or destination of a volume of river-crossing traffic which was exceeded only by similar traffic at Trenton. The traffic at Trenton is over its two important bridges, with 13 other crossings contributing small amounts.

As already indicated, the daily river-crossing traffic which originated or terminated at Trenton, averaging 12,192 cars a day, was greater than that of any other New Jersey city. Although Trenton is exceeded in population by Paterson, Newark, and Jersey City, it enjoys a unique position in being of historical interest, the State capital, an important industrial city, and it is at the head of tidewater navigation on the Delaware River. All of these factors contributed in varying proportion to its out-of-State traffic. Ninety-three percent of this traffic either entered or left the city by way of its two bridges across the Delaware, about 3 percent crossed the Hudson, and the remaining 4 percent used the other 10 Delaware River crossings.

As an important manufacturing and shipbuilding center directly across the Delaware from Philadelphia, and within the metropolitan area of Philadelphia, Camden is one of the most important New Jersey terminals of interstate highway traffic. More than 94 percent of Camden's traffic which came by way of Hudson or Delaware River crossings entered or left the city by one or another of the 3 principal crossings between Camden and Philadelphia; 73 percent of such traffic used the Delaware River Bridge; and the traffic from the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad ferries amounted to more than 10 percent each. Almost half the remaining Camden traffic crossed the PalmyraPhiladelphia Bridge in going to or coming from Philadelphia, with the other 3 percent unevenly distributed among all other principal crossings.

Atlantic City is a middle Atlantic beach resort of widespread popularity. The daily ebb and flow of tourist traffic combined with the supplementary commercial traffic, a large part of which came from Phila-

Table 2.-Daily average traffic which originates or terminates in designated cities using each principal Hudson or Delavare River crossing

| Crossing | Paterson |  | Hackensack |  | Jersey City |  | Newark |  | Phillipsburg |  | Trenton |  | Camden |  | Atlantic City |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fifteen crossings, total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 1,622 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per- } \\ \text { cent } \\ 100.0 \end{gathered}$ | Number <br> 1,735 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per- } \\ \text { cent } \\ 100.0 \end{gathered}$ | Number 5,035 | Percent 100.0 | Number 6,926 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent } \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Num. } \\ \text { ber } \\ 12,085 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per- } \\ \text { cent } \\ 100.0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 12,192 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent } \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 10,641 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent } \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 6,396 \end{gathered}$ | Percent 100. 12 |
| Hudson River crossings: Holland Tunnel. George Washington Bridge Alpine-Yonkers Ferry. | $\begin{array}{r} 582 \\ 803 \\ 23 \\ 23 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}35.9 \\ 49.5 \\ 1.4 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}332 \\ 1,314 \\ \hline 10 \\ \hline 1060\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}19.1 \\ 75.8 \\ 1.7 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,048 \\ 651 \\ 24 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 80.4 \\ 12.9 \\ .5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,131 \\ 781 \\ \quad 36 \end{array}$ | 74.1 11.3 .5 | 23 4 (2) | ${ }_{(1)}^{(1)}{ }^{2}$ | 292 56 3 | $\begin{gathered} 2.4 \\ (1)^{5} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r}97 \\ 24 \\ 1 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | (i) ${ }^{.9}$ | 258 44 2 | $\begin{array}{r} 4.0 \\ \text { (1) }^{4} .7 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 1,408 | 86.8 | 1,676 | 96.6 | 4,723 | 93.8 | 5,948 | 85.9 | 27 | . 2 | 351 | 2.9 | 122 | 1.1 | 304 | 4.8 |
| Delaware River crossings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Columbia-Portland Bridge. |  | . 6 | 3 | . 2 | 6 | . 1 | 15 | 2 | 2 | (1) | 2 | (1) | 1 | (1) | ${ }^{(2)}$ | (1) |
| Delaware-Portland Bridge | 63 | 3.9 | 11 | . 6 | 78 | 1.5 | 185 | 2.7 | 55 | . 4 | 71 | . 6 | 15 | . 1 | 13 | . 2 |
| Phillinsburg-Easton Bridge | 73 | 4.5 | 13 | . 7 | 74 | 1. 5 | 246 | 3. 6 | 11,997 | 99.3 | 78 | . 6 | 8 | (1) 1 | 8 | . 1 |
| Trenton-Langhorne Bridge- | 28 | 1.7 | 10 | . 6 | 60 | 1.2 | 220 | 3.2 | 1 | (1) | 3,347 | 27.4 | 6 | (1) | 3 | (1) |
| Trenton-Morrisville Bridge | 26 | 1. 6 | 13 | . 7 | 58 | 1.2 | 215 | 3.1 |  | (1) | 8,048 | 66.0 | 40 | . 4 | 12 | . 2 |
| Burlington-Bristol Bridge..... | 2 | ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  | 1 | (1) | 5 | (1) | ${ }^{(2)}$ | (1) | 21 | .2 | 61 9 | $\bigcirc .6$ | 726 | 11.4 |
| Palmyra-Philadelphia Bridge.- | 2 | . 1 | 1 | (1) | 3 | (1) | 5 | ${ }^{(1)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | (1) | 24 | .2 | 228 | 2.7 | 754 | 11.8 |
| Camden-Philadelphia Bridge... | 5 | . 3 | 5 | . 3 | 17 | . 3 | 44 | . 6 |  | (1) | 207 | 1.7 | 7,815 | 73.4 | 4,577 | 71.6 |
| Camden-Philadelphia Ferry (Pennsylvania Railroad) |  |  | ${ }^{(2)}$ | (1) | 1 | (1) | 3 | (1) |  |  | 11 | . 1 | 1,082 | 10.2 | 46 | . 7 |
| Camden-Philadelphia Ferry (Reading Railroad) |  | ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  | 1 | (1) | 4 | (1) |  |  | 10 | . 1 | 1,123 | 10.6 | 226 | 3.5 |
| Bridgeport-Chester Ferry | 2 | . 1 |  |  | 5 | . 1 | 8 | . 1 |  |  | 10 | . 1 | 53 | . 5 | 142 | 2.2 |
| Pennsville-New Castle Ferry. | 4 | . 3 | 3 | . 2 | 8 | . 2 | 28 | . 4 |  |  | 12 | . 1 | 27 | . 3 | 285 | 4. 5 |
| Total. | 214 | 13.2 | 59 | 3.4 | 312 | 6.2 | 978 | 14.1 | 12,058 | 99.8 | [11,841 | 97.1 | 10,519 | 98.9 | 6,092 | 95.2 |

delphia, explains the large volume of daily river-crossing traffic to and from this city. Almost 72 percent of this traffic entered or left New Jersey by the Delaware River Bridge at Camden, and about 12 percent by the Palmyra-Philadelphia Bridge. The Pennsville-New Castle ferry, the southernmost Delaware River crossing, carried 4.5 percent, and the Holland Tunnel carried 4 percent of such traffic. The Reading Railroad ferry at Camden and the Bridgeport-Chester ferry in Gloucester County, were the only other crossings carrying more than 1 percent of the Atlantic City total traffic, with all other crossings contributing something to its traffic.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUCK AND BUS TRAFFIC DETERMINED FROM SAMPLE COUNT

Trucks and busses were stopped and detailed information relating to their movement was recorded at 78 representative points throughout the State and at regular intervals during the year. Although information regarding only a part of total traffic was obtained, these sample data represented an average cross-section of truck and bus traffic in New Jersey at the time of the survey. Occasionally all the required information was not obtained and it may be found that figures for a given item of information in one tabulation differ slightly from those for the same item in another.

The following data relate to the selected sample of traffic passing over New Jersey highways and not to the actual number of individual vehicles of a certain type. For example, a bus making several trips a day would be counted as many times as it passed an occupied survey station. Statements regarding the proportions of various classes of vehicles refer to the sample of traffic under consideration, without taking account of the number of times an individual vehicle may be included therein. Thus, while it is correct to say that 30 percent of New Jersey bus traffic consists of 1929 model busses, this does not mean that 30 percent of the husses in New Jersey are 1929 models.

In the total sample, comprising 267,025 vehicles, there were 239,368 trucks and 27,657 busses, or almost 9 times as many trucks as busses. Approximately 53 per-
cent of the total number of trucks and busses operated in the northeast section of the State adjacent to New York City, a large part of this section being included within the New York metropolitan area in New Jersey. The southwest section of the State, including the cities of Trenton and Camden and other districts in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, was traversed by about 22 percent of the total truck and bus traffic of the State, and the northwest and southeast sections, by about 10 and 15 percent, respectively.

Of the total sample of truck and bus traffic throughout the State, trucks represented 89.6 percent and busses 10.4 percent. In the northwest section, consisting of Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, 91.6 percent of the combined traffic was by trucks, indicating a relatively greater transportation of commodities than passengers. On the other hand, in the southwest section which is traversed by a large part of the tourist traffic to New Jersey beach resorts, busses represented 11.8 percent of the combined truck and bus traffic of the section.
trucks classified according to ownership
Slightly more than half the trucks operating over New Jersey highways were owned by business organizations located in cities or towns of 2,500 inhabitants or more. Private individuals living in such urban areas owned 39 out of every 100 observed trucks. Trucks owned by persons living in rural districts or on farms represented less than 10 percent of the truck traffic, and trucks owned by governmental agencies represented only a little more than 1 percent. Table 3 shows the classification of trucks observed according to ownership.

The greater part of the northeast section of New Jersey is included within the New York metropolitan area. In this section trucks owned by city companies constituted a higher percentage than in any other part of the State. City companies owned about 57 out of each 100 trucks operating in this area. The companies were principally manufacturing and business organizations located within this district, but many trucks owned by New York firms as well as a smaller number owned

Table 3.-Trucks observed on New Jersey highways, classified according to ownership

| (lass of ownership | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total, all classes | 239, 368 | 100.0 |
| Farm ownership | 22, 51.5 | 9.4 |
| Total cit. (ownership. | 214, 228 | 89.5 |
| $\underset{\text { Company }}{\text { Private }}$ | $121,463$ | 50.7 38.8 |
| Government ownership | 2, 625 | 1.1 |

by establi-hments in Philadelphia and other cities were observed. Individuals living in northeastern New Jersey cities nwned 36 percent of the trucks in the traffic sample, and were principally engaged in small businesses. Farm-owned trucks constituted about 7 percent of trucks operating in this area which has fewer farms than any other section of the State

The northwest section of the State is largely a farming district, and its percentage of farm-owned trucks was ahmost twice as great as that of the northeast section. But even in this more rural district, 86 percent of ohserved trucks were city-owned.

The proportion of city-owned trucks operating in southeastern New Jersey was only slightly higher than that in the northwest section of the State, but there was a preponderance of company-owned trucks, which comprised almost 48 percent of truck traffic in this section. About 40 percent were privately owned. Although there are many business and industrial establishments in this district, the prevalence of companyowned trucks on its highways was partly due to the operation of trucks owned by large supply houses in New York City, Philadelphia, Camden, and other cities engaged in trucking to coast resorts. The farming industry is of considerable importance in this district and 11 percent of the trucks operating in this section were farm-owned
The extensive rural areas in Burlington, Gloucester, and Salem Counties accounted for a large part of the 14 out of each 100 trucks operating in southwestern New Jersey which were farm-owned. This section had the smallest proportion of city-owned trucks, 84 percent being of this class, and these were almost evenly divided between company and private ownership.

## OWNER-OPERATED TRUCKS MAKE UP GREATER PORTION OF

 TRUCK TRAFFICThere are three principal classes of truck operation, if the small number of Government-operated trucks is included in the owner-operated class. The owneroperated class includes those trucks, whether of company, private, farm or Government ownership, which are operated by their owners either personally or by their employees in the business of the owner. Trucks operated as contract haulers are engaged in the business of trucking for others for hire, trips being made when and where desired at rates agreed upon by the contracting parties. Trucks operated as common carriers follow established routes between definite points, operate on a regular schedule, and charge standard published rates. Throughout the entire State, owneroperated trucks constituted 79 percent of the sample count, contract-hauler trucks 17.7 percent, commoncamier trucks 2.2 percent, and Government-operated trueks 1.1 percent.

Of the total colume of truck traffic included in the sample, almost two-thirds is State and a little more
than one-third interstate traffic. This means that about 66 out of each 100 trucks have both their origin and destination within the State. In the northwest section of the State 42 percent of trucks were found to be operating in interstate traffic. This section of New Jersey lies in the path of traffic en route from central and western Pennsylvania to points in New Jersey, upper New York, or the New England States, and truck traffic between New York City and points in northern Pennsylvania, or beyond, also passes through this section. Only about 16 percent of trucks operating in the southeast section of New Jersey are engaged in interstate traffic.

Another analysis of the figures relating to trucks engaged in State and interstate traffic, according to class of truck operation, is given in table 4, and is also presented graphically in figure 9. In general, contracthauler and common-carrier trucks operated more frequently in interstate traffic than did owner-operated trucks. This classification shows that 72.5 percent of owner-operated trucks were engaged in State traffic and that only 27.5 percent went outside of New Jersey. Among both contract-hauler and common-carrier trucks, only about one-third were engaged in State and two-thirds in interstate operation. Of the few Govern-ment-operated trucks recorded, 90 percent travel within the State and 10 percent between States.

Table 4.-State and interstate traffic by class of truck operation

| Class of operation | Total traffic |  | State traffic |  | Interstate traffic |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of trucks | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent } \end{aligned}$ | Number of trucks | Percent ${ }^{2}$ | Number of trucks | Percent ${ }^{2}$ |
| All classes, total | 239,368 | 100.0 | 156, 732 | 65. 5 | 82, 636 | 34.5 |
| Owner operator | 189, 159 | 79.0 | 137, 152 | 72.5 | 52,007 | 27.5 |
| Contract hauler | 42, 278 | 17.7 | 15, 474 | 36.6 | 26, 804 | 63.4 |
| Common carrier | 5, 273 | 2.2 | 1,715 | 32.5 | 3, 558 | 67.5 |
| Government operation.- | 2, 658 | 1.1 | 2,391 | 90.0 | 267 | 10.0 |

Percent of all classes of operation, total.
Percent of total for each class of operation, respectively


Figure 9.-Percentage Distribution of Trucks, by Class of Operation in State and Interstate Traffic.

## TRUCKS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITIES HAULED

Thirty-two percent of all trucks included in the New Jersey sample were running empty; 2.2 percent carried passengers; 65.7 percent carried commodities; and 0.1 percent had no load capacity, the latter group including chassis, tractors, or other vehicles without bodies designed for hauling loads. The loads carried by trucks were classified according to fixed commodity groups and the results are shown in table 5 and figure 10.

The loads of trucks classified according to type of operation are presented in table 6. Among trucks of the owner-operated class, 33 percent were found to be running empty, in contrast with about 30 percent of contract-hauler trucks, and only 12 percent of commoncarrier trucks. Relatively more owner-operated trucks were found carrying passengers. It appears that there

Table 5.-Nature of truck loads carried

| Nature of load | Number of trucks | Percentage of all trucks | Percentage by groups |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All trucks, total | 239, 368 | 100.0 |  |
| Running empty | 76,499 | 32.0 | 92.8 |
| -Carrying passengers | 5,338 | 2.2 | 6.5 |
| No load capacity | 368 | . 1 | . 5 |
| Loaded, commodity not classified | 123 | . 1 | $\therefore$ |
| Commodity specified, total | 157, 040 | 65.6 | 100.0 |
| Manufactured products, wholesale delivery, etc | 87, 437 | 36.4 | 55.7 |
| Agricultural products | 32, 002 | 13.4 | 20.4 |
| Retail delivery-- | 17, 595 | 7.4 | 11.2 |
| Products of mines (coal, oil, etc.) | 9, 277 | 3.9 | 5.9 |
| Household goods. | 5,156 | 2.2 | 3.3 |
| Forest products (lumber, trees, shrubs, etc.) | 4, 073 | 1.7 | 2.6 |
| State highway construction materials, etc. | 1,182 | . 5 | . 7 |
| V aluables, mail, armored cars, etc- | 318 | . 1 | . 2 |


| Nature of load | 3 classes of operation |  | Owner operator |  | Contract hauler |  | Common carrier |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All kinds, to | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 236,710 \end{array}\right\|$ | Percent 100. 0 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 189,159 \end{gathered}$ | Percent 100.0 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 42,278 \end{gathered}$ | Percent 100.0 | Number 5,273 | Petcent 100.0 |
| Running emp | 76,034 | 32.] | 62, 840 | 33.2 | 12,569 | 29.7 | 625 | 11.9 |
| Carrying passenge | 5, 006 | 2.1 | 4,831 | 2. 6 | 158 | 4 | 17 | 3 |
| No load capacity | 354 | 2 | 311 | . 2 | 43 | . 1 |  |  |
| Loaded, commodity not specified. | 101 | ( ${ }^{1}$ ) | 90. | (1) | 11 | (1) |  |  |
| Commodity specified total 2 | 155, 215 | 65.6 | 121, 087 | 64.0 | 29,497 | 69.8 | 4,631 | 87.8 |
| Manufactured products, wholesale delivery, etc..... | 86,624 | ${ }^{2} 55.8$ | 63, 137 | 252.2 | 19,297 | ${ }^{2} 65.4$ | 4,190 | 290.5 |
| Agricultural products. | 31, 462 | 220.3 | 26, 117 | ${ }^{2}$ 21, 6 | 5,118 | ${ }^{2} 17.4$ | 227 | 24.9 |
| Retail delivery | 17,617 | ${ }^{2} 11.3$ | 17, 246 | ${ }^{2} 14.3$ | 323 | ${ }^{2} 1.1$ | 48 | ${ }^{2} 1.0$ |
| Products of mines, coal, oil, etc | 9, 094 | ${ }^{2} 5.9$ | 7,853 | ${ }^{2} 6.5$ | 1,162 | 23.9 | 79 | $? 1.7$ |
| Household goods. | 5,100 | ${ }^{2} 3.3$ | 2,694 | ${ }^{2} 2.1$ | 2,442 | 28.3 | 64 | ${ }^{2} 1.4$ |
| Forest products, lumber, trees, shrubs, etc............ | 4,039 | 22.6 | 3,670 | ${ }^{2} 3.0$ | 360 | 21.2 | 9 | 2.2 |
| State highway construction materials, etc | 982 | 2.6 | 414 | 2.3 | 558 | ${ }^{2} 1.9$ | 0 | ${ }^{2} .2$ |
| Valuables, mail, armored cars etc. | 297 | 2.2 | 56 | (1) | 237 | 2.8 | 4 | ${ }^{2} .1$ |

${ }_{2}$ Less than 1 10 of 1 percent.
2 Based on number of trucks for which commodity carried was specified.
Table 7.-Nature of return load by class of truck operation

${ }^{1}$ Based on number of trucks returning loaded.
It may be interesting to compare the capacities of trucks making up New Jersey traffic during 1932-33 with similar data compiled for other States during previous years. A survey of transportation on the State highway system of Ohio made in 1926, showed that 71.8 percent of all trucks were light capacity; 26 percent were medium capacity; and 2.2 percent were heavy capacity. The composition of New Jersey traffic is definitely affected by the large amount of heavy hauling to or from New York City and Philadelphia which lie at the termini of the principal traffic arteries of the State.

A survey of traffic on the Federal-aid highway system of 11 Western States was made during 1929-30 by the Bureau of Public Roads and the highway departments of the respective States. Nebraska, all the Mountain States except Montana, and the Pacific States were included in this survey. The classification of truck traffic of each of these States, according to the same capacity groups as those used for New Jersey, is presented in table 8.

A grouping of the truck capacities in New Jersey and the western States according to the percentage of farm and village ownership, as opposed to city ownership, indicates that the percentage of lighter trucks tends to increase with an increase in the percentage of farm and village ownership, while medium- and heavy-capacity trucks increase with an increase in city ownership, as shown in table 9. California stands alone as group 1, since it is the only one of the 11 western States for which the classification of trucks by ownership shows one-

Table 8.-Percentage distribution of trucks in various States by capacity

| State | $11 / 2$ tons and under | From 11/2 to 5 tons | 5 tons and over |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ňew Jersey, 1932-33 | Percent 55.5 | Percent 23.3 | Percent $21.2$ |
| Ohio, 1926......... | 71.8 | 26.0 | 2.2 |
| 11 Western States, 1929-30 | 67.9 | 26.3 | 5.8 |
| Arizona. | 64.7 | 31.8 | 3.5 |
| California | 58. 6 | 30.2 | 11.2 |
| Colorado. | 73.5 | 20.7 | 5.8 |
| Idaho. | 72.5 | 20.8 | 6.7 |
| Nebraska | 74.4 | 24.1 | 1.5 |
| New Mexico | 79.8 | 18.7 | 1. 5 |
| Nevada. | 66.1 | 25.8 | 8.1 |
| Oregon. | 63.1 | 30.9 | 6.0 |
| Utah. | 77.2 | 20.1 | 2.7 |
| W ashington | 64.6 | 27.0 | 8.4 |
| W yoming--- | 78.3 | 19.9 | 1.8 |

third farm and village owned and two-thirds city owned. The second group is made up of Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Washington, Idaho, and Colorado, the relative percentages of ownership varying from about 40 to 60 percent farm and village ownership, with an average of 53.7 percent. The third group consists of Ne braska, New Mexico, Nevada, and Wyoming, for which the percentages of farm and village ownership range from 60 to 80 percent, with an average of 70.4 percent.
Table 9.-Percentage of light and medium and heavy trucks compared with percentages of city and farm and village ownership

|  | Average percentage of ownership |  | Average percentage of trucks |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Farm and village | City | Light | Medium and heavy |
| New Jersey. | 9.5 | 90.5 | 55.5 | 45.5 |
| Western States: |  |  |  |  |
| Group 1 | 33.9 | 66.1 | 58.6 |  |
| Group 2. | 53.7 | $46.3$ | 69.3 | 30.7 |
| Group 3. | 70.4 |  | 74.7 | 25.3 |

ONE-HALF OF TRUCKS MAKE ONE OR MORE TRIPS A DAY
The frequency of trips made by trucks over New Jersey highways ranged from a maximum of more than 10 trips a day to a minimum of only one trip at intervals of more than 30 days, as shown in table 10. Exactly one-half of the trucks made one trip or more a day, while the other half made trips at longer intervals. Of each thousand trucks observed 413 made one trip a day, 79 made from 2 to 5 trips a day, 7 made from 6 to 10 trips a day, and only 1 made more than 10 trips a day.

Table 11 shows the frequency of truck operation by classes of operation.

Table 10.-Frequency of trips by class of truck operation

| Trip frequency group | 3 classes of operation |  | Owner operator |  | Contract hauler |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Common } \\ & \text { carrier } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All frequencies, total. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 236,710 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { Per- } \\ \text { cent } \\ 100.0 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 189,159 \end{array}\right\|$ | Percent 100.0 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Num- } \\ & \text { ber } \\ & 42,278 \end{aligned}$ | Percent 100.0 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber } \\ 5,273 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent } \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ |
| More than 10 trips | 251 | 1 | 09 | 1 | 33 |  |  |  |
| 6 to 10 trips a day | 1,685 | . 7 | 1,157 | 6 | 518 | 1.2 | 10 |  |
| 2 to 5 trips a day | 18, 598 | 7.9 | 16,049 | 8.5 | 2,353 | 5. 6 | 196 | 3.7 |
| One trip a day-- | 97, 681 | 41.3 | 76, 725 | 40.6 | 17,754 | 42.0 | 3,202 | 60.7 |
| One trip every 2 days | 33, 354 | 14. 1 | 25, 418 | 13.4 | 7,037 | 16.6 | -899 | 17.0 |
| One trip every 4 days | 36,352 | 15. 4 | 28, 895 | 15.3 | 6,879 | 16.3 | 578 | 11.0 |
| One trip every 5 day | 1,479 | .2 | 1,023 386 | . 5 | ${ }^{160}$ | 4 | 14 | 3 |
| One trip every 6 days | 780 | . 3 | ${ }_{674}$ | . 2 | 84 104 | 2 | 2 |  |
| One trip every 7 days | 38, 203 | 16.1 | 32, 108 | 17.0 | 5,784 | 13.7 | 311 | 5.9 |
| One trip every 8 to 14 days. | 4, 505 | 1.9 | 3, 676 | 1.9 | 802 | 1.9 | 27 | . 5 |
| One trip every 15 to 30 days--- | 3, 524 | 1.5 | 2,852 | 1.5 | 656 | 1.6 | 16 | . 3 |
| more thar 30 days apart. | 101 | (1) |  | (1) | 14 | (1) |  |  |

[^2]Table 11.-Frequency of truck operation by classes of operation

| Class and frequency | Number of trucks | Percent | A verage trip. frequency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 classes, total. | 236, 710 | 100.0 | ${ }_{3.03}$ |
| More than 1 trip a day | 20,534 | 8.7 | . 39 |
| Less than 1 trip a day | 118, 495 | 50.0 50 | 1.17 |
| Owner operators, total | 189, 159 | 100.0 | 3.09 |
| More than 1 trip a day | 17,315 | 9.2 |  |
| 1 trip a day- | 76, 725 | 40.6 | 1. 00 |
| Less than 1 trip a day | 95, 119 | 50.2 | 5. 27 |
| Contract haulers, total | 42, 278 | 100.0 | 2.95 |
| More than 1 trip a day. | 3,004 | 7.1 | . 34 |
| 1 trip a day | 17,754 | 42.0 | 1.00 |
| Less than 1 trip a day | 21, 520 | 50.9 | 4.91 |
| Common carriers, total | 5, 273 | 100.0 | 1. 87 |
| More than 1 trip a day. | 215 | 4.1 | . 35 |
| 1 trip a day | 3,202 | 60.7 | 1. 00 |
| Less than 1 trip a day. | 1,856 | 35. 2 | 3. 54 |

These same figures are presented in a different arrangement in table 12 for the purpose of showing the distribution of trucks in the respective trip frequency of groups among the various classes of operators. Nearly 80 percent of all trucks were operated in the business of owners; 17.4 percent were contract haulers; and only 2.8 percent were common carriers. The average trip frequency of these groups was 3.09 days, 2.95 days and 1.87 days, respectively, which means that common carriers as a class made the most frequent Table 12.-Average trip frequency by class of truck operation

| Frequency and class | Number of trucks | Percent | A verage trip frequency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All trip frequencies, 3 classes. | 236, 710 | 100.0 | $\text { Days }_{3.03}$ |
| Owner operator class. | 189, 159 | 79.8 | 3.09 |
| Contract hauler class. | 42, 278 | 17.4 | 2.95 |
| Common carrier class. | 5,273 | 2.8 | 1.87 |
| More than 1 trip a day, 3 classes | 20,534 | 100.0 | . 39 |
| Owner operator class. | 17,315 | 84.4 | . 40 |
| Contract hauler class. | 3,004 | 14.3 | . 34 |
| Common carrier class. | 215 | 1.3 | . 35 |
| 1 trip a day, 3 classes | 97, 681 | 100.0 | 1.00 |
| Owner operator class | 76,725 | 78.3 | 1.00 |
| Contract hauler class | 17,754 | 17.6 | 1. 00 |
| Common carrier class. | 3,202 | 4. 1 | 1.00 |
| Less than 1 trip a day, 3 classes | 118,495 | 100.0 | 5. 17 |
| Owner operator class | 95,119 | 80.3 | 5. 27 |
| Contract hauler class | 21,520 | 17.7 | 4. 91 |
| Common carrier class. | 1,856 | 2.0 | 3.54 |

trips, contract haulers the next most frequent, and owner operators made the least frequent trips. Among trucks that made more than one trip a day, there was a considerably greater proportion of owner operators, 84.4 percent being of this class, but the average trip frequency for owner operators was less than that of either contract haulers or common carriers. Of the one-trip-a-day frequency group, owner operators represent the smallest percentage and there is a greater proportion of common carriers in this group than in any other group. Contract haulers appear in about the same proportion in both the one-trip-a-day and the less-than-one-trip-a-day groups. In the latter group, common carriers make trips more frequently and owner operators less frequently than any other class.

## MANY TYPES OF BODIES FOUND ON TRUCKS

A great variety of truck bodies is now seen upon our highways. Trucks are being adapted to many types of hauling requiring special equipment, of which the tank truck and the ready-mixed-concrete truck are familiar types. In the total volume of truck traffic in New Jersey, however, 7 out of every 8 vehicles used as trucks have a standard covered, stake, or open body. The covered truck was observed more frequently than any other type and represented 46.5 percent of all New Jersey truck traffic. Stake- and open- body trucks were in approximately equal proportions, comprising 21.4 percent and 19.8 percent of all trucks, respectively. Among the types which were found less frequently the truck with trailer appeared most often, about 5 percent being of this class. Tank trucks constituted 3.2 percent of New Jersey truck traffic and were in large part serving the extensive refining industry of the State. Trucks with unusual types of body occur less than 3 times in each 100 trucks, and one in every 100 vehicles classified as trucks was a passenger car used as a truck, often for retail delivery or other light hauling. Only 3 trucks per 1,000 had platform bodies. Table 13 shows the data on truck bodies in detail.

Table 13.-Truck body types

| Type of body | Number of trucks | Percent of total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Covered <br> Stake... <br> Open <br> Tank <br> Special body <br> Passenger cars (used to haul commodi <br> Platform <br> Refrigerator <br> None (tractor without trailer) <br> Bus (used to haul commodities) | $\begin{array}{r} 111,376 \\ 51,078 \\ 47,439 \\ 7,714 \\ 6,806 \\ 2,278 \\ 764 \\ 307 \\ 290 \\ 188 \end{array}$ | 48.7 22.4 20.8 3.4 3.0 1.0 .4 .1 .1 .1 |
| Total. | 228, 240 | 100.0 |

## ONLY 5 PERCENT OF TRUCKS HAULED TRALLERS

The extent to which trailers are used is shown in table 14. Passenger-car trailers are not included and no distinction is made between semitrailers and full trailers. Trailers are of relatively minor importance since 95 percent of all trucks operate without trailers. Only 1 truck in 20,000 hauled more than 1 trailer.

Table 14.-Number of trailers observed

| Class | Number of trucks | Percent of total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All trucks, total. | 239,368 | 100.0 |
| Without trailers. | 228,240 | 95.4 |
| With 1 trailer. | 11, 117 | 4.6 |
| With 2 trailers | 11 |  |

${ }^{1}$ Less than $1 / 10$ of 1 percent.
80 PERCENT OF TRUCKS FOUND TO BE NOT OVER 5 YEARS OLD
The age of trucks operating in New Jersey at the time of this survey is shown in table 15 and figure 11. Since the survey was in progress from August 1932 to August

Table 15.-Age of trucks

| Age | Number of trucks | Percent of total | Cumulative percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 9,337 33,807 $43,5+0$ 40,540 43,012 22,947 15,996 11,965 6,999 4,115 2,725 2,519 1,639 612 135 | $\begin{array}{r} 3.9 \\ 14.1 \\ 18.2 \\ 16.9 \\ 18.0 \\ 9.6 \\ 6.5 \\ 5.0 \\ 2.9 \\ 1.7 \\ 1.1 \\ 1.1 \\ .7 \\ (2) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.9 \\ 18.0 \\ 36.2 \\ 53.1 \\ 77.1 \\ 80.7 \\ 87.2 \\ 92.2 \\ 95.1 \\ 96.8 \\ 97.9 \\ 99.0 \\ 99.7 \\ 100.0 \end{array}$ |
| All ages, total. | 239, 368 | 100.0 |  |

${ }^{1} 10$ of this number were models of years prior to 1910.
${ }^{2}$ Less than 310 of 1 percent.

LESS THAN ONE YEAR ( 1933 MODEL)
ONE YEAR ( 1932 MODEL)
TWO YEARS ( $193!$ MODEL)
THREE YEARS ( 1930 MODEL)
FOUR YEARS ( 1929 MODEL)
FIVE YEARS (1928 MODEL)
SIX YEARS ( 1927 MODEL)
SEVEN YEARS (1926 MODEL)
EIGHT YEARS ( 1925 MODEL)
NINE YEARS (1924 MODEL)
TEN YEARS (1923 MODEL)
ELEVEN AND TWELVE YEARS
THIRTEEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS
SIXTEEN TO TWENTY YEARS
MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS


Figure 11.-Percentage Distribution of Trucks in Operation in 1932-33 by Age Groups.

1933 all trucks of the 1933 model are classified in the first age group as less than 1 year old. A 1932 model purchased in December of that year was not a year old at the latest date of this survey, but for the sake of simplicity and because the actual date of purchase of trucks was not known, all 1932 models were classified as 1 year old, and so on, for each of the other age groups. According to this classification, the median age, or an age so chosen that half the trucks are above and half below that age, is 3 years, 53 percent of all trucks being not more than 3 years old. The average life of a truck is probably about 5 years, although trucks depreciate more or less rapidly according to the nature of their construction and the kind of use to which they are put. Eighty percent of the trucks on New Jersey highways were not more than 5 years old. Ninety-nine percent of all trucks were not more than 12 years old, but a seattering of old-timers was observed, 4 trucks per 100,000 of those recorded being models of years prior to 1910 .

# NEEDED RESEARCH ON FLEXIBLE-TYPE BITUMINOUS ROADS 

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IN INTRODUCING a discussion of flexible-type bituminous roads it will be well to define first what is meant by the word "flexible." It is a term which is quite generally applied to road surfaces, without much regard to its exact meaning, to designate those types which have little or no flexural strength, as contrasted with the truly rigid types which have high flexural strength. Thus, a flexible-type surface may not be flexible in the true sense of the word but all surfaces of this type have the common characteristic of low beamstrength. Also, they have the ability, in varying degree, to adjust themselves to minor settlements without structural failure.

The function of a bituminous road surface of the flexible type is to carry the wheel loads of vehicles without failure of the bituminous wearing course, the base course, or the subgrade. These three component parts of a flexible type bituminous road are interdependent and the characteristics of each affect the performance of the whole.
more satisfactory tests needed for identification of bituminous materials

Subgrades.-During recent years great progress has been made in increasing our knowledge of soils and their use as subgrade materials. We have learned to differentiate with some precision between good subgrade soils and poor ones; we have learned something regarding frost action and the means for eliminating its detrimental effects; we are increasing our knowledge of the consolidation of fill materials; and, finally, we have learned much regarding the stabilization of soils, particularly by means of suitable combinations of soil materials. But soil science is still in its infancy and, in the larger sense, the research that is needed is barely under way. The possibilities of stabilization with admixtures of chemicals or bituminous materials are particularly promising.

Base courses.-What has been said with respect to subgrades is also generally applicable to base courses. Our knowledge of bases of the macadam type, which depend primarily on internal friction for stability, is largely the result of experience. But soil science, coupled with experience, has greatly extended our knowledge of the essential characteristics of such basecourse materials as sand-clay, gravel, limerock, and caliche. Here, also, the possibilities of stabilization with other than soil materials merit careful investigation.

Bituminous wearing courses.-In bituminous wearing courses, as in subgrades and base courses, stability or resistance to lateral displacement is an essential characteristic. But here we have a part of the road structure in which other qualities are of increased importance. The wearing course is subjected to the direct action of traffic and weather. Adequate strength and durability of the mineral aggregate and durability of the bituminous binder are necessary.

Numerous investigations have developed valuable information regarding stability as affected by character

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and grading of mineral aggregate and character and quantity of bituminous binder. Further research on these materials is needed. The development of a test for stability, preferably a simple one, that will simulate the action of a paving mixture under wheel loads, would go far toward solving some of the questions that now confront the engineer.
With respect to mineral aggregates, much has already been learned regarding strength characteristics and durability, but further work remains to be done. The relative affinity of aggregates for water and for bitumen is a characteristic that has not yet received the attention it deserves.

The present question of pressing importance in the field of bituminous surfacing has to do with the durability of the bituminous material itself. The large programs of highway construction, involving a large mileage of the low-cost type, have focused attention on a problem that previously has not been of great concern.
It is known that some bituminous materials lack durability or resistance to weathering. In the road surface they soon lose their cementing properties and the friable mixture which results may fail rapidly under traffic. In the absence of a definite method of differentiating between good and poor materials, specification writers are now requiring compliance with test requirements which are primarily for the identification of the source of the material. While these requirements may exclude certain poor materials, they are so little a measure of quality that they may also exclude materials that are known to be satisfactory. There appears to be needed an accelerated weathering test which can be made in a few hours. Research on suitable test methods is under way and should be continued.

Inference should not be made that bituminous materials of low resistance to weathering are necessarily valueless. With a full realization of their limitations, economic considerations may sometimes dictate their use in preference to more expensive materials. It may be possible to use them advantageously in mixtures that are protected by weather-resistant wearing courses. However, we must have some means of identifying them so that they may not be used improperly.

## RATIONAL METHOD FOR DESIGNING FLEXIBLE SURFACES NEEDED

The road structure.-We have learned much, both from practical experience and from research, regarding the design of the component parts of the flexible-type road. Concerning the design of the road structure as a whole we know very little except what has been taught us by experience. For roads of the rigid type the analyses of Westergaard, supplemented by research, have given us the basis for a rational theory of design applicable to concrete pavements. For roads of the flexible type no rational method of design exists and rule-of-thumb methods are still used. Attempts have been made to develop a rational theory but these are based on questionable assumptions of such far-reaching importance that they can scarcely be accepted without verification by further research.

From the structural standpoint, the function of a pavement of the flexible type is to distribute the wheel
load to the subgrade in such manner that the intensity of pressure will cause neither permanent nor elastic deformations of the soil sufficient in magnitude to produce failure of the pavement surface. The rational design of a pavement to perform this function requires a knowledge of the mechanics of load support. The characteristics of the applied loads, the magnitude and distribution of the forces of subgrade reaction, and the physical behavior of the pavement under these two sets of forces must be determined.

This problem is of outstanding importance. Its complicated nature is indicated by the following brief analysis of some of its details.

The more important variables which must be considered are:

1. The magnitude of the load.
2. The position of the load on the pavement.
3. The area of load application and the distribution of pressure over the loaded area.
4. The time duration of loading.
5. The thickness of the pavement (base course plus wearing course).
6. The internal stability of both base and wearing courses.
7. The distribution of pressure on the subgrade.
8. The supporting power of the subgrade.

The vehicle load, which is important in the design of any pavement, is known to be the maximum wheel load. Within resaonable limits the maximum wheel load likely to operate over a given road can be determined. This, of course, is the maximum static load and must be considered since heavy vehicles may stop on the highway surface for considerable periods of time. The impact forces produced by the wheels of moving vehicles must also be considered since these are greater than the forces due to static wheel loads and may exceed them many times. Researches extending back over the past 15 years make it possible to predict, with a fair degree of accuracy, the magnitude and frequency of the impact reactions that may be expected for specific conditions of wheel load, tire equipment, vehicle speed and road roughness.

The position of the applied load on the pavement is also a factor which must be considered. A load applied near the free edge of the pavement will have a different effect from that of one applied in the interior portion where continuity exists. Rational design requires that there be equal resistance to load in all parts of the structure and this can be obtained only by systematic study of the mechanics of pavement action.

The area of load application and the distribution of pressure over the loaded area are two separate though related factors. The effect of the area of load application has been quite thoroughly investigated with respect to the design of concrete pavement slabs. It seems quite probable that not only the size but the shape of the loaded area may be an even more important factor in its relation to flexible pavements. The effect of variations in intensity of pressure over the loaded area is also a detail which must be investigated.

Between standing or static loads, slowly rolling loads, and suddenly applied impact forces there is a difference in time duration which is probably quite important in flexible-type pavements. For example, under certain conditions it is very probable that a standing vehicle of given wheel load may subject the pavement to a more severe condition than will the same vehicle moving at speed and producing impact reactions greatly exceeding the static wheel load. Certainly the factor of time
duration of the load application is one of the important details to be investigated in the development of a rational method of design.

The ultimate object in developing a theory of design is the determination of the required thickness of pavement. The supporting power of the flexible-type pavement is intimately related to its thickness, and researches designed to develop basic principles will necessarily include thickness as one of the variables of major importance.

## ONLY FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON LOAD

 DISTRIBUTIONThe stability of the base course and the bituminous wearing course have already been mentioned. Stability in the wearing course is necessary to prevent surface failures such as shoving and rutting. Stability in the base course is necessary for the distribution of load to the subgrade. The combined stability of these two component parts of the road structure is another one of the major variables that will require intensive study. It appears that one of the important problems to be solved is the development of a suitable method for measuring this combined stability in road surfaces.

The distribution of load to the subgrade is doubtless affected by all the variables that have been mentioned as well as by the elastic characteristics of the subgrade itself. Only fragmentary information exists regarding load distribution, and very comprehensive investigations will be required to evaluate the many variables involved.

Assuming that research has solved all the problems that have been enumerated thus far, there is still the problem of determining the supporting power of the subgrade. The supporting power of a soil, or its resistance to distortion under load, is dependent on the resisting forces of internal friction and cohesion. The relative importance of each and the net result of their combined action varies widely, depending upon conditions. Subgrade research has already suggested means for increasing the load-carrying ability of soils. Needed in the development of methods of pavement design is some test which, when applied to a given subgrade, will determine the pressure intensity that can safely be imposed on the soil.

Past investigations of the bearing capacity of soils have related primarily to the foundations of buildings or other structures in which dead load is the principal burden. Therefore, the theories which have been developed from these investigations may not be applicable to pavements, where the conditions differ in two important respects. Under a structure the load is practically constant, while under a pavement the transient live load is the principal burden on the soil. Furthermore, under buildings it is permissible to anticipate foundation settlements which, if they occurred under a wheel load, would cause pavement failure. For these reasons, the requirements of a test to determine the safe bearing capacity of subgrades may be somewhat different from those of a test to determine the bearing capacity of soils in deep foundations.

It is apparent that the flexible-type bituminous road offers a fertile field for future research. The experience of the past few years justifies the expectation that further rapid progress will be made in advancing our knowledge of subgrades, bases and bituminous wearing courses. The most urgent need is for research aimed at the development of a rational method of design of the road structure as a whole.

## ROADSIDE PLANTING SURVIVES DROUGHT

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ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT was first initiated on Iowa highways during the spring of 1934, financed with funds provided by the National Recovery Act. The Iowa highway commission selected as the first project a section of Primary Road No. 15 extending north from Ames 32 miles to the junction with US 20 at Blairsburg. This road had recently been constructed and for the greater part of its length has a 100foot right-of-way.

The general plan for grading and planting is an informal development tending to restore the natural character of the Iowa countryside. Backslopes and ditches were rounded; unsightly refuse dumps were eliminated; and several varieties of native trees, shrubs, and vines were planted. It is hoped that the final result will be an attractive roadside, blending with the adjacent topography and with existing plants.
Surveys, plans, and estimates were prepared in February and March 1934 and preliminary clearing and grubbing were started early in March prior to the completion of plans.

Planting began about May 1, immediately upon arrival of the nursery material. All stock was inspected in the nursery before contracts were awarded, and checked again upon delivery. Native Iowa peat was used as a fertilizer and mulch on the entire project.

The possibility of a dry spring and summer seemed to warrant the use of a liberal amount of peat. No accurate record was kept of the amount of peat used, but a conservative estimate is that 30 percent of the backfill was peat which was mixed with the existing soil; in addition a 2 -inch layer of peat was used for mulching. The shade and flowering trees were given a close pruning to cut down moisture loss by transpiration. These two treatments, together with two complete waterings, were probably the determining factors in saving these plants through the period of drought. It is interesting to note that even after dust storms and extremely hot winds there was a sufficient supply of moisture around the plant roots 2 weeks after watering.

The preliminary survey revealed that the majority of plants would necessarily be located in areas stripped of topsoil. Because of the poor soil, late planting, and possible dry weather it was thought that plant loss might run as high as 25 percent. The spacing between plants was therefore made somewhat smaller than otherwise would have been made. The results show the plant losses to be approximately as estimated with the exception of losses of the shade trees and evergreens. These two kinds of trees survived the adverse conditions better than was expected, contrary to the usual experience in this part of the country. The use of labor unfamiliar with planting work caused some difficulty and probably resulted in some losses that otherwise could have been avoided. Table 1 shows the varieties planted and the percentage of survival at the end of the growing season last fall.
On delivery from the nursery all plants, with the exception of balled and burlapped trees, were puddled in a thick clay loam mixture and then heeled in. Each plant was watered in the temporary nursery and again puddled before being dispatched to the planting forces. A covered truck was used for transportation to the
site of planting to prevent drying, as the wind was unusually hot and dry at planting time. An effort was made to order only sufficient material from the heeling in nursery each day for 1 day's planting to avoid carrying unplanted stock over-night. Watering was done with two tank trucks. Each truck was equipped with a hand-operated force pump between tank and hose, and the hose was fitted with a 2 -foot length of gas pipe for a nozzle. This nozzle was pushed down to the bottom of the original excavation and water was pumped until it soaked up to the surface. This method prevented the washing of large holes around the plant and made less work in renewing the mulch on top.

Table 1.-Percentage of survival of plants at end of first growing season

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In the fall all plants were pruned by an experienced workman. The plants are now in shape to start a directed growth and little maintenance will be required for another year.

Few conclusions can be drawn from the results shown to date. The plant varieties used will, in many instances, serve as experiments which will be helpful in planning future roadside work. This report deals only with experience with new planting during an abnormally dry year and is not indicative of general adaptability to roadside use. However, the care and methods used in planting seem to merit their continued use.






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