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# THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF CONCRETE PAVEMENTS 

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PART 1.-A DESCRIPTION OF THE INVESTIGATION ${ }^{2}$

SINCE 1930, the Bureau of Public Roads has been conducting at the Arlington Experiment Farm, Va., an extensive investigation with the general objective of developing information that will be of assistance in better understanding the structural action of concrete pavement slabs.

More specifically, the research was planned to study the following four main subjects:

1. The effects of loads placed in various ways on pavement slabs of uniform thickness.
2. The "balance of design" or relative economy of typical pavement slab cross-sections.
3. The behavior under load and comparative structural effectiveness of typical longitudinal and transverse joint designs.
4. The effects of temperature conditions and of moisture conditions on the size, shape, and loadcarrying ability of pavement slabs.

The study of the effects of loads placed in various ways on slabs of uniform thickness was intended primarily as an experimental verification of the only rational theory of pavement slab stresses thus far advanced, i. e., the Westergaard analysis. ${ }^{3}$ The program was accordingly planned in such a way that each of the factors that theoretically might influence the load-stress relation could be examined experimentally and the observed effects compared with those predicted by the theory. In addition, this study was expected to indicate rather definitely what the shape of the slab cross section should be if the design were so balanced that a given load would produce a certain definite maximum stress regardless of the position of the load on the slab.

The study of the balance of design of typical pavement slab cross sections was planned, first, for the purpose of showing the relative economy of the various designs, and second, to provide data upon which to base conclusions as to the proper shape for a perfectly balanced cross section. The data obtained in the load tests on slabs of uniform thickness mentioned in the last part of the preceding paragraph necessarily form an important part of the study of the balance of the cross-section design.

The almost complete lack of data concerning the structural behavior of the various types of longitudinal and transverse joint designs existing at the time this research was planned and the importance of a knowledge of this action in any consideration of the structural design of pavements made a study of the subject imperative. That part of the investigation dealing

[^0]with joint design was planned to yield data showing the structural effectiveness of most of the commonly used types of joints and also information regarding the effect of dowel spacing and joint width on the structural action of joints.
The fourth part of the investigation, that is, the study of the effects of temperature conditions and of moisture conditions on the size, shape, and load-carrying ability of pavement slabs, was planned to provide information, not beretofore available, on the complex relations created by temperature and moisture variations, and the practical significance of these relations with respect to the design of the pavement slab as a load-carrying structure.
In order to carry out the studies contemplated in this investigation the group of 10 full-size concrete pavement slabs shown on the cover page was constructed. Each of these slabs is 40 feet in length, 20 feet in width, and has a particular cross section. Each slab is divided by a longitudinal and a transverse joint of a particular design and each slab is definitely separated from those adjoining it, in most cases by a 2 -inch open joint. The concrete was uniform throughout the group and all slabs were without steel reinforcing. Special efforts were made to obtain subgrade uniformity under the entire group of sections.
The load tests and other studies designed to develop the information desired have been made on these 10 slabs. Some idea of the magnitude of the work of testing may be had when it is realized that, in round numbers, some 30,000 strain measurements, 25,000 deflection observations, 65,000 measurements of slab expansion (or contraction), and 30,000 temperature measurements were made in the course of the investigation. Approximately 10 percent of these were made during the night or early morning hours.

Figure 1 shows the details of the several designs of pavement slab cross section included in the investigation. It will be observed that these include the rather massive edge design suggested a number of years ago by the American Association of State Highway Officials, 3 designs of the conventional thickened-edge type in which the edge thickening is decreased uniformly to zero over a distance of 3 feet, a design in which the upper and lower boundaries of the section are parabolas diverging so as to give a thickened edge, 2 lip-curb sections (with and without the conventional edge thickening), and 4 sections of uniform thickness. The area of the cross section (in square feet) for a 20 -foot width pavement of each design is noted in this figure.

The details of the several designs of transverse joint included are shown in figure 2. The ordinary butttype open joint with 3 different dowel spacings and 2 different widths of joint opening, the continuous steel plate key with 2 widths of joint opening, the thickened slab end (without dowels or other connection), and the "plane of weakness" both with and without dowels


Figure 1.-Designs of Cross Sections Investigated.
comprise the types that have been tested. All of the joints have been kept filled with a typical poured bituminous joint filler.

The structural features of the several types of longitudinal joints used in the 10 slabs are shown in figure 3. In 4 of these, separation of the 2 slabs was accomplished with a deformed plate of heavy sheet metal; in 4 others the slabs were laid half width at a time and bond between the halves of the slab was prevented by a sheet of tarred felt. The other 2 slabs were grooved to create a longitudinal plane of weakness that was intended to crack through and form a separation between the 2 halves of the slab.

## TEST SLABS CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED

The subgrade. - The importance of subgrade uniformity in any test of the structural action of pavement slabs was recognized from the first. The site used was selected with this in mind and a detailed soil survey was made to determine the conditions existing in the area involved, with the result that the soil was classified as a uniform brown silt loam (class A-4). The uniformity of the soil is indicated by the results of tests made in the laboratory on the samples taken during the survey, as shown in table 1.

The original surface of the area having been disturbed by earlier experiments, the subgrade material was entirely removed until the new subgrade was entirely an

Table 1.-Test data from subgrade samples

| Sample no. | Liquid limit | Plasticity index | Shrinkage |  | Moisture equivalent |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Limit | Ratio | Centrifuge | Field |
| 1. | 24 | 8 | 18 | 1.8 | 28 | 20 |
| 2 | 22 | 5 | 21 | 1.7 | 23 | 19 |
| 3 | 25 | 8 | 19 | 1.8 | 26 | 21 |
| 5 | 25 | 9 9 | 19 19 | 1.8 | ${ }_{26}^{25}$ | 19 |
| 6. | 24 | 6 | 18 | 1.8 | 28 | 19 |
| 7. | 23 | 8 | 19 | 1.8 | 20 | 18 |
| 8. | 25 | 9 | 17 | 1.8 | 25 | 21 |
| 9. | 23 | 7 | 18 | 1.8 | 19 | 20 |
| 10. | 32 | 12 | 24 | 1.6 | 35 | 28 |
| 11. | 24 | 7 | 20 | 1.8 | 26 | 20 |
| 12. | 28 | 9 | 24 | 1.7 | 34 | 23 |
| 13. | 24 | 9 | 20 | 1.8 | 24 | 20 |
| 14. | 27 | 12 | 16 | 1.8 | 23 | 20 |
| 15. | 25 | 10 | 17 | 1.8 | 25 | 19 |
| 16. | 25 | 10 | 17 | 1.8 | 25 | 19 |
| 17. | 24 | 8 | 19 | 1.8 | 23 | 19 |
| 18. | 25 | 9 | 18 | 1.8 | 24 | 20 |
| 19. | 24 | 9 | 18 | 1.8 | 25 | 20 |
| 20. | 24 | 7 | 20 | 1.8 | 27 | 20 |
| 21. | 23 | 8 | 18 | 1.8 | 23 | 20 |
| 22. | 24 | 8 | 18 | 1.8 | 27 | 19 |
| 23. | 30 | 14 | 19 | 1.8 | 22 | 21 |
| 24. | 28 | 13 | 18 | 1.8 | 27 | 21 |
| 25. | 29 | 11 | 16 | 1.8 | 31 | 23 |

undisturbed soil formation. On this surface the line of the pavement was laid out. In order to insure proper drainage, deep side ditches with suitable outlets were provided.


Figure 2.-Designs of Transverse Joints Included in the Investigation.
The subgrade where the slabs were to be located was next plowed to a depth of approximately 10 inches. It was left in this loose condition for a period of about 4 weeks, during which it was broken up and agitated several times with a disk harrow. The soil was finally compacted, first with a 5 -ton tandem roller and then with the wheels of a loaded 5 -ton motor truck. The appearance of the subgrade after this manipulation is shown in figure 4. On this compacted soil the forms were set and the final grading completed. Because of the purpose for which the slabs were to be used, great care was taken to have the final subgrade surface exactly to grade and very smooth in order that the thickness of the completed slab would be known definitely. The appearance of the subgrade at the time the concrete was placed is shown in figure 5 .

The moisture content of the subgrade was maintained by sprinkling daily and the particular portion on which concrete was to be placed was given an additional light sprinkling immediately prior to placing concrete.

The concrete.-The materials used for the concrete were carefully selected and the mix designed to give high flexural strength. The cement was a standard portland cement of satisfactory quality, and all came from one bin at the plant.

The fine aggregate was a rather coarse, angular quartz sand, containing some grains of chert, feldspar,


Figure 3.-Designs of Longitudinal Joints Included in the Investigation.
gneiss and mica. The average fineness modulus of the :and as determined by a number of tests was 3.26. The source of this material is near Fredericksburg, Va.

The coarse aggregate was a blue limestone obtained from near Martinsburg, W. Va. It was shipped to the job in three sizes and recombined at the proportioning plant to give the desired grading. The proportions used were:
Size:
Percent

| $11 / 4$ to $21 / 4$ inches | 50 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $3 / 4$ to $11 / 4$ inches. | 25 |
| $1 / 4$ to $3 / 4$ inch. | 25 |

When combined in this way the average fineness modulus of the coarse aggregate was 7.65 .
The proportions fixed for the concrete were $1: 2: 3 \frac{1}{2}$, using dry-rodded volume as the basis of measurement. Actually, in batching materials for the mixer, these proportions were controlled by weighing all of the constituents except the water. Figure 6 shows the


Figure 4.-Appearance of the Subgrade After Rolling Had Been Completed.
proportioning plant used in the construction of the slabs.

Moisture determinations were made on samples from the stock piles each morning and necessary adjustments were made in the batch weights and water content. The water-cement ratio decided upon as a result of trial mixes was 0.85 by volume.

Concrete was mixed for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ minutes in a modern paving mixer (size 27-E). At the beginning of each day's run, a preliminary half-size batch was run through the mixer and discarded, the purpose being to coat the interior of the mixer drum and obtain uniformity in subsequent batches. The concrete was dumped on the subgrade and distributed in the usual manner. Compacting and finishing were accomplished with a 2 -screed finishing machine, without tamping. The final finish was obtained with a hand belt and edging tools. A double layer of wet burlap was applied immediately after the final belting and this was kept wet for 24 hours, after which it was replaced with a layer of earth 3 to 4 inches thick, which was kept wet for 20 days and then removed. Figure 7 shows the equipment used in mixing and placing the concrete.

In order to have concrete available for such later studies of the physical properties of the concrete as might be necessary, three short extra sections of pavement were cast during the construction of the test slabs.


Figure 5.-Appearance of the Subgrade After Form Setting and Completion of the Final Grading.

For an early determination of concrete strength, 8 beams and 5 cylinders were made for each of the 10 pavement slabs. These specimens were cast from the concrete after it had been dumped on the subgrade. The beams were 7 by 7 by 30 inches and the cylinders 6 by 12 inches in size. These specimens were protected from moisture loss during the first 24 hours, after which the cylinders were removed to the damp room and the beams were buried in the earth shoulder beside the slab. All of these specimens were tested at the age of 28 days.

The average flexural strength of the beams ( 80 specimens) was 765 pounds per square inch and the average compressive strength of the cylinders (46 specimens) was 3,525 pounds per square inch.

## TEST PROCEDURE DESCRIBED

The tests and observations made in this investigation may be divided into three groups, as follows:

1. Load tests on the pavement slabs, in which definite loadings were applied to the various sections according to a plan and the resulting deflections and strains were measured. These tests form the basis of -
(a) The examination of the Westergaard analysis.
(b) The study of the pavement cross-sections.
(c) The determination of the structural efficiency of the different joint designs.


Figure 6.-The Proportioning Plant.
2. Observations made on the slabs to determine the effects of variations in temperature and moisture conditions on their size, shape, and load-carrying ability. These observations included the determination of -
(a) Temperature conditions within and surrounding the pavement.
(b) The expansion, contraction, and warping of slabs due to temperature changes and to changes in moisture condition.
(c) The strains induced in the concrete through the tendency of the slab to change its size and shape.
3. Auxiliary tests.-This group comprises a considerable number of collateral investigations carried out principally in the laboratory, to develop information essential to the interpretation of the data obtained in the tests on the slabs. In this group will be found tests to determine -
(a) The physical characteristics of the subgrade.
(b) The physical properties of the concrete.
(c) The thermal properties of the concrete.
(d) The effect of moisture conditions on the strength and stiffness of the concrete.

PROGRAM OF LOAD TESTS BASED ON CAREFUL PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS
Before beginning the general program of load tests, preliminary tests were made on a slab of uniform thickness and on one having a conventional thickened edge. The purpose of these preliminary tests was to deter-mine-

1. The proper points at which to apply the loads for the various studies.
2. The proper position for the strain gages if the critical strain was to be measured for each loading.
3. The extent of the deflections to be measured for each loading.

The information obtained in these tests made possible the detailed planning of the tests that were to follow.

An important development of this preliminary work was the conclusion that relative deflections, as measured in these tests, may not always be a true indication of
quarter-slab panels (points 1 to 10 , inclusive, along the line $A^{\prime}-B^{\prime}$ in fig. 8).

For the investigations of joint design, loads were applied at the joint edge, at the center of the slab panel, and at the free edge of each slab, thus permitting a comparison to be made between the maximum stresses developed by a given load acting at the joint edge and those developed by the same load at the other two points, points that represent the extreme limits of slab continuity. These stress data make it possible to set up a rational measure of the structural effectiveness of joint designs.

In the case of the longitudinal joints the load points $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{H}$, and B were used, while for transverse joints the loads were applied at I, H, and G. As the program advanced it was found that some joint designs were not equally effective at all points nor at all times of the year, so that additional loads were applied along lines parallel to the slab axes but displaced from the center line. In


Figure 7.-The Mixing and Placing of the Concrete.
relative stresses. Since deflection and stress are directly related theoretically, it seems probable that the deflection data, while apparently accurate, are actually quite crude when compared to the strain data. Thus, differences in elastic curvature that are not detectable in the deflection data may cause large differences in stress.

This conclusion made it necessary to depend almost entirely upon the stress data as a basis for the comparisons that it was desired to make.

As soon as the preliminary tests had been completed detailed plans for the load-testing program were developed. Figure 8 shows the plan and elevation of one of the test sections and the points where loads were applied for the different studies and the positions of the strain gages in relation to the load points. Figure 9 is a similar drawing showing the points where loads were applied and the lines along which the deflection curves were determined. This figure also shows the location of the points where the opening and closing of the joints due to temperature were measured.

In the studies of the balance of the designs of slab cross-section the load was applied successively at points 1 foot apart along the transverse axis of one of the
all cases, however, the complete data were obtained for the three positions of the load.

When Westergaard prepared his analysis of the stresses in a concrete pavement slab, he developed a mathematical treatment covering three important cases of loading that were: Case I, a wheel load acting at the free corner of a slab; case II, a wheel load acting at the interior of a slab and at a considerable distance from the edges; case III, a wheel load acting at the edge of a slab and at a considerable distance from a corner.

The loadings applied to the test slabs in the study of the three cases of the Westergaard analysis are shown in figure 8. These tests were made only on the slabs of uniform thickness. For every loading the significant stress and deflection data were obtained. Figure 10 shows the appearance of one of the test sections after the installation of the gage points for the strain and deflection measurements.

## method of applying loads described

It was considered desirable to use loads that would create maximum stresses of approximately one-half of the modulus of rupture of the concrete. Since some of the slabs were of rather heavy design, reactions of some


Figure 8.-Plan and Elevation of a 20- by 40 -Foot Test Section, Showing the Points Where Loads Were Applied and the Locations of the Strain Gages.

[OREFERENCE POINT (FIXED ELEVATION)
LEGEND - CIRCLES SHOW POINTS AT WHICH LOADS WERE APPLIED, DASH LINES SHOW LOCATION OF CLINOMETER POINTS.
Figure 9.-Plan of a 20- by 40-Foot Test Section Showing the Points Where Loads Were Applied and the Lines Along Which Deflections Were Measured.
magnitude were necessary to produce such stresses. It was also highly desirable that at the time the test load was being applied no other loads be on the slab, in order that the observed effects could be attributed definitely to a known reaction system. These two considerations and the availability of a large cylindrical steel tank led to the adoption of the loading equipment shown in figure 11. The tank, 30 feet long and 6 feet in diameter, was mounted in a structural steel frame or cradle, supported by two transverse end frames 22 feet apart. Each end frame was provided with a pair of heavy cast-iron wheels of small diameter and these rested upon a railway laid along the earth shoulders parallel to the pavement edge. The tank spanned the slab completely and could be moved longitudinally over the test sections at will.

A heavy wooden bolster or pad was fitted to the lower surface of the tank and so arranged that it could be shifted to any position from one end frame to the other, and thus be placed over any desired point on any of the sections.


Figure 10.-Complete Installation of Gage Points for Strain and Deflection Measurements on One of the Test Sections.

By partially filling the tank with water a reaction in excess of any load required for the loading of the slabs became available. To develop the load on the slab the device shown in figure 12 was constructed. In this figure, $\Lambda$ is the wooden bolster that bears against the bottom of the tank, B is a steel facing plate on the lower surface of the bolster, $C$ is a hardened steel knife edge, D is a pair of heat-treated steel beams whose load-deflection rate being known through calibration enables the operator to determine the load on them at any instant by reading the micrometer dial that measures their deflection, E is a ball-bearing screw jack used for developing the thrust, F is a spherical bearing block that prevents eccentricity of loading on the bearing plate $G$, and H is a sponge-rubber pad to take up surface irregularities on the slab and assure a uniform intensity of load orer the entire area of the bearing block.

The capacity of the loading device shown in this figure is approximately 25,000 pounds. One division on the micrometer dial is equivalent to a load increment of about 30 pounds and periodic calibrations have led to the conclusion that the load measurement by this means can be depended upon to be accurate within 100 pounds, which makes the percentage of error small for loads of the magnitudes used in these tests.

The bearing blocks that received the thrust of the jack and applied it to the pavement were of two types and of several sizes. For the study of the Westergaard


Figure 11.-Loading Equipment in Place Over One of the Test Sections. The Slab is Covered with Straw and Shaded to Prevent Warping.
theory it was necessary to use blocks having both circu$\operatorname{lar}(f i g .13 \mathrm{~A})$ and semicircular bearing areas (fig. 13 B ), circular for the interior and corner loadings and semicircular for the edge, in order to meet the assumptions of the analysis. Also it was necessary to use several sizes of each in order to investigate the effect of the size of the bearing area on the maximum stress caused by a given load. The diameters of the blocks selected were $6,8,12,16$, and 20 inches. The majority of the tests were made with the 8 -inch diameter circular block. For the corner loadings the full circular plates were used. When the larger plates were used, distribution of the load was obtained by pyramiding the plates as shown at the right hand side of figure 13 A and also in figure 12.

In a number of the tests, such as those at the interior of the pavement slab, it was necessary to measure the strain in the concrete directly under the bearing plate. For these tests special blocks, provided with a groove across the bottom face large enough to accommodate a


Figure 12.-Apparatus for Applying the Load and for Measuring Its Magnitude.


Figure 13.-Bearing Plates: A, Circular Bearing Plates Used in the Corner Loading Tests; B, Semicircular Plates Used for the Edge Loading Tests; C, Small Circular Bearing Block Grooved to Provide Space for a Strain Gage. The Block Is Shown Inverted. D, Large Circular Bearing Block With Space for a Strain Gage in the Lower Plate.
strain gage, were used. The smaller blocks of this type were built as shown in figure 13 C . For the larger areas two segments of the proper size were placed on the sponge-rubber pads on either side of the strain gage and the load was distributed to these by superimposed circular plates as shown in figure 13 D .

Both circular and semicircular plates were used as bearing blocks for the tests at the edge of the pavement slab. The circular plates were the same ones used in the corner loading tests and the semicircular plates were those shown in figure 13 B

All of the bearing blocks were made of steel and were so designed that the deflection under load produced a negligible effect on the uniformity of load distribution. The effect of the groove in the bearing block on the maximum stress in the slab was investigated and the tests showed that for a given load the grooved block caused the same maximum strain as a block of the same diameter without the groove.

A study was made of the effect of load duration on the magnitude of the strain developed in the concrete. It was found that in some positions, on some of the parement designs, essentially the maximum strain was developed after the load had been maintained for 1 or 2 minutes, while at other points, 4 or 5 minutes was necessary before this equilibrium was established. As a result of this study the procedure of maintaining the load for 5 minutes before making any strain measurement was adopted for all of the tests. Conversely, 5 minutes was allowed for recovery after the release of each load before the application of the next load. The strains reported in the papers that are to follow are, therefore, maximum strains for the particular loads and are all definitely larger than would be caused by momentary loads of the same magnitude.

## ACCURATE MEASUREMENTS OF STRAIN OBTAINED

 WITH SPECIAL GAGESThroughout the investigation the strains in the concrete were measured with the recording strain gage shown in figure 14. The gage and its characteristics have been described in detail elsewhere ${ }^{4}$ and will be dealt with only briefly here. It consists of a body or frame about 6 inches in length carrying a simple bell crank lever with arms of unequal length. The short arm of this lever is moved by any displacement of the gage points between which the gage is mounted. This motion is transmitted to the long arm of the lever and of course magnified by the ratio of the lengths of the two arms. The long arm of the bell crank carries a stylus point at its free end which makes a trace on the smoked surface of a small glass plate, thus recording a displacement of the end of the arm. The trace on the record slide is thus proportional to the displacement of the gage points and its length is measured, either directly with a comparator or by optical magnification in a projection apparatus. The mechanical magnification in the gage is about $60: 1$ and ordinarily another magnification of about $30: 1$ is had in the projection apparatus.

The gages were designed to eliminate ordinary temperature effects. The gage body from tip to tip is made of the alloy "invar", and further compensation is obtained through the use of a pair of dissimilar metals in the long (or stylus) arm of the bell-crank lever.

The accuracy of the gages is sufficient to permit the determination of stress in concrete to within 20 or 25 pounds per square inch, where dependence is placed upon a single observation.

[^1]The strain gage is approximately 6 inches in length. Early in the consideration of the program the question was raised as to whether or not a gage of this length would record maximum strains when used under bearing blocks of the sizes that it was desired to use. This matter was investigated rather thoroughly by using special gages of various lengths placed under bearing blocks of a range of sizes, and the data obtained indicated quite conclusively that the gages would record the maximum strain, provided that the entire gage and gage points were within the circumference of the bearing plate and that the axis of the gage lay along one of the diameters of the plate. Theoretically, the stress is not exactly uniform across the area of the slab under the bearing plate, and it is probable that, had it been possible to measure strains with greater precision, the variation due to length of gage would have been detected. With the apparatus described, however, the same maximum unit strain was indicated by at least 3 different lengths of gage under bearing plates of several sizes, so long as the gages were placed in accordance with the 2 provisions mentioned above. As a result of these tests, it was concluded that the


Figure 14.-Recording Strain Gage of the Type Used in This Investigation Mounted Between Two Gage Points.

6 -inch gage would record approximately the maximum strain if used with bearing plates with a diameter of 6 inches or more.

In use the gages were installed between two small brass posts containing drilled and reamed gage holes. These posts, $1 \frac{1}{4}$ by $1 / 4$ by $11 / 2$ inches in size, were set into small holes drilled in the surface of the concrete to a depth of about 1 inch immediately before each test, being held in place with plaster of paris. Various other cementing materials were tried, but it was found that with time the posts tended to work loose with all of them and that, for a temporary setting, plaster of paris was as satisfactory as any of them and considerably more convenient to use.

As usually installed the axis of the strain gage was one-fourth of an inch from the surface of the concrete. This caused the recorded strain to be greater than the strain at the surface of the pavement by an amount that depended upon the relative distances of the gage and that surface from the neutral plane of the pavement slab. In most of the measurements, it was therefore necessary to apply a small correction to the observed strains in order to compensate for the gage position. Figure 15 shows an installation of the gages for a load test at the corner of a slab of constant thickness.

## deflections measured with cunometers

The deflection measurements in this investigation were made with the clinometer or "level-bar" shown in


Figure 15.-Arrangement of Strain Gages for a Load Test at the Corner of a Slab of Uniform Thickness.
figure 16. This instrument was built especially for the project from a design developed by the Bureau in connection with a recent highway bridge research, ${ }^{5}$ the principle of the instrument being the same as that of the clinometer loaned by the American Society of Civil Engineers for the tests of the Yadkin River Bridge. ${ }^{6}$

It consists of a rigid, horizontal steel frame carrying a very sensitive spirit level in its upper face and supported by a vertical leg at each end. One of these legs is of fixed length while the length of the other is adjustable by means of a fine pitch screw operated by a knurled hand nut at the top of the instrument. The amount of adjustment made with this nut is indicated in thousandths of an inch by a micrometer dial on the front of the frame. In order that the position assumed by the instrument when it is placed on the clinometer points shall always be the same, a third or steadying leg is provided, projecting at right angles from the center of the frame and turning down at the outer end where it terminates in an adjustable foot.
Small brass cylinders were grouted into holes drilled in the pavement surface at 10 -inch intervals along the


Figure 16.-Special 10-Inch Clinometer Used for Measuring Slab Deflections. The Instrument Is Shown Resting on Small Brass Clinometer Points Set Into the Surface of the Pavement.
lines of desired deflection measurements. The upper or exposed face of each of these contained a small verti-

[^2]cally drilled hole and also a narrow horizontal groove or slot with beveled edges. The direction of the slot was made parallel to the long axis of the clinometer frame when the instrument rested on the points. The lower ends of the 2 main clinometer legs are sharp-pointed cones and in setting up the instrument 1 of the legs is set in the drilled hole in the top of 1 of the clinometer points and the other leg is placed in the slot in the adjacent point. Any expansion or contraction of either the instrument or the concrete causes only a very slight horizontal displacement of the leg that rests in the slot and this movement produces no error in the measurement being made.

After the legs of the clinometer are properly set in the gage points the instrument is carefully adjusted to a level position by rotating the knurled hand nut. When level, the micrometer dial is read. The clinometer is then moved 10 inches to the next gage point and the operation repeated. Any deflection of the slab due to load or to warping will change the relative elevation of the clinometer points and this change will be measured by the difference in the adjustments necessary to level the clinometer as indicated by differences in the readings of the micrometer dial before and after the deflection occurred. The operation is simply one of precise leveling along the line of installed points. While the micrometer dial reads directly in thousandths of an inch it was found practicable to estimate ten-thousandths. The design of the adjusting mechanism is such that thread wear and backlash cannot introduce an error in successive measurements.

Benchmarks or reference points completely independent of the pavement were used to fix the datum for the pavement surfaces.

## TEMPERATURES MEASURED WITH THERMOCOUPLES

In practically all of the load tests it was necessary to reduce the influence of slab warping to a minimum. It was found that if the slab was kept shaded from all direct sunlight and covered with several inches of dry straw, the temperature differential between the upper and lower surfaces became negligible and the warping of the slab was so small that its influence on stress was not important. Therefore, these precautions were taken in all tests as a matter of regular procedure. The shade and straw covering are shown in figure 11.

Observations to determine the effects of the temperature and moisture conditions within and surrounding the test sections were started soon after the pavement was laid and have been continued to the present time. These observations included extensive temperature measurements, moisture determinations, measurements of the changes in size and shape of the slabs resulting from temperature and moisture variations, and measurements of the strains caused by these variations in various parts of the slab structure.

When the test sections were built a number of resistance coil thermometers were placed in the slabs at selected points to furnish the temperature data then thought necessary. The original installations proved to be inadequate in extent and several of the resistance coils ceased to function for some reason that could not be determined. It was found also that the coils used had a time lag in their operation that was very undesirable for the work to be done.

It became necessary to make other provision for measuring the temperatures in the concrete. The
plan adopted was to build two small slabs of concrete of the same materials and proportions as were used in the test sections and to install in these copper-constantan thermocouples for temperature determination. These slabs were each 4 feet square and one was 6 and the other 9 inches in depth. The thermocouples were installed in the center of the slab area. Before placing the concrete two thermocouples were placed in the subgrade under each small slab at depths of 2 inches and $1 / 8$ inch respectively and, as the concrete was being placed, additional thermocouples were placed at 1-inch intervals from the bottom of each slab to the top. With this installation it was possible to determine not only the differential existing between the upper and lower surfaces but also the complete temperature gradient from one to the other.
Thermocouples were also placed at the top and bottom surfaces of the four constant-thickness slabs.
The "average" temperature of the pavement slabs as used in connection with the expansion and contraction measurements was developed from the data obtained with the thermocouple installations in the small slabs. A pavement slab having a thickness of 6 inches or 9 inches was assumed to have an "average" temperature equal to the mean temperature of the small slab of the same thickness and the "average" temperature of sections having a thickness between 6 and 9 inches was obtained by interpolation, assuming a straight-line variation between the mean temperatures of the 6 -inch and 9 -inch slabs.

## MICROMETERS USED TO MEASURE CHANGES IN LENGTH

Measurements were made to determine the extent of both the daily cycle and the annual cycle of dimensional changes in the slabs. These measurements served to show the magnitude of the changes in slab dimensions that were caused by the daily and annual variations in temperature and moisture content, and they also provided a means for determining the relative restraint to expansion and contraction offered by the various joint designs.

To determine the absolute changes in length of the slab sections, the movements of the slab ends with respect to fixed reference points were measured with a micrometer, while the degree of restraint offered by the joint designs was determined by comparing the movement at these joints with that at the free ends of the same slab.
The fixed reference points referred to were installed in concrete posts cast in heavy foundation blocks several feet below the surface of the ground, the posts themselves being completely protected from lateral earth pressure.

Figure 17 shows the 7 -inch micrometer built for this purpose, together with the invar reference bar used for a standard of length in these measurements. The guaranteed coefficient of thermal expansion for this material is $0.8 \times 10^{-6}$ per degree centigrade. Its change in length for air temperature ranges is so small that for the purpose of the tests its length could be considered as being constant throughout the year.
The measurements with this micrometer were made between the tips of conical gage points of stainless steel set horizontally in the upper ends of short steel posts cemented into the slab surface, one on either side of the joint (or slab end) and approximately 7 inches apart. These details can be seen in figure 17.


Figure 17.-The Special 7-Inch Micrometer Frame and the Invar Reference Bar Used for Measuring the Expansion and Contraction of the Test Sections.

Some additional data on the length changes occurring in the pavement slabs were obtained with 3 electric telemeters that were embedded in 3 of the slab panels at the time the concrete was placed. These instruments ${ }^{7}$ were installed at mid-depth at the center of the longitudinal axis of three of the 10 - by 20 -foot panels. They were intended to provide data in connection with one of the designs but, because of certain difficulties that will be discussed later, they failed to do so. They did, however, furnish valuable information regarding elongation caused by both temperature and moisture.

## ACTION OF SLABS DURING WARPING STUDIED

The magnitude of the temperature warping in the various sections was determined on numerous occasions over a period of about 3 years. Measurements were made to determine the warped shape of an entire 10 - by 20 -foot panel. The degree of restraint to free warping caused by the different joint designs was studied at selected points by means of measurements of warping over a limited area near the joint involved.

The necessary temperature data for these studies were obtained from the thermocouple installations and the shape of the warped surface was determined by clinometer measurements along the lines of points shown in figure 9. The measurements of warping with the clinometer were referenced to fixed points or bench marks set into the earth shoulders. Because of the time that was necessary to take readings around the entire perimeter of a 10 - by 20 -foot slab, frequently the shape of the slab changed sufficiently to develop a considerable error of closure. Care had to be taken to make these long series of measurements at a time when the conditions producing the warping were not changing too rapidly.

In the study of warping some attention was given to the strains in the concrete produced by the forces set up by the warping action of the slab itself and also to the relative strains produced in a slab of given design by a given load when the slab was both warped and unwarped. The procedure for the loading and strain measurement involved only one feature that was different from the rest of the strain measurements. To produce warping the straw cover was removed and the pavement was exposed to the direct rays of the sun for a number of the tests.

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Figure 18.-A Strain Gage Installation for Measuring Strains Caused by Warping.

The very nature of these tests required a wide range of temperature and strain observations that were continuous over the complete warping cycle. It was thought desirable, therefore, to protect the strain gages from direct sunlight with small semicylindrical covers as shown in figure 18. These covers, to be described in a subsequent paper, permitted the free circulation of air around the gages but were so constructed as to resist heat absorption. The purpose of this protection was to keep the gages at the same temperature as the concrete in the pavement.
difficulty encountered in measuring pressure of slabs AGAINST THE SUBGRADE

A group of nine soil pressure cells was placed beneath the 6 -inch and 9 -inch slabs of constant thickness, arranged in the pattern of a $90^{\circ}$ cross. These cells were installed in the subgrade with their diaphragm side down in carefully scraped recesses so that perfect bearing was obtained. The recesses were sufficiently deep to cause the back of the cell to be flush with the general level of the subgrade. The concrete of the slab was placed on these cells but no anchorage was provided to fix the cells to the concrete. The purpose of these installations was to obtain data on the distribution of a load to the subgrade by the two thicknesses of slab. Unfortunately, these data were never obtained as the cells under both slabs failed to record pressure before the load tests were made.

For a short time after the construction of the sections the cells operated and such pressure data as were obtained during this period indicated the normal fluctuations as the slab warped during the day. In the course of a few weeks the cells ceased to record pressure, indicating that a separation between the bottom of the slab and the back of the cells had occurred. Whether this was due to a settlement of the cells or a swelling of the subgrade that raised the slab more than it did the cells is not known. The cells were not embedded because it was desired to maintain the full flexural strength of the slab. Perhaps some anchorage attachment on the backs of the cells that would have held them to the slab without reducing the slab strength would have made a better installation, but this is by no means certain.

## AUXILIARY TESTS MADE

A consideration, either theoretical or experimental, of the structural action of a concrete pavement slab lying on an earth subgrade, necessitates either assumptions regarding or a knowledge of the physical properties of the concrete and of the subgrade. Obviously, definite data developed by tests are to be preferred to any assumptions that may be made.

The auxiliary tests made in connection with this investigation were planned to develop information concerning:
(a) The concrete-

1. Strength in compression and in flexure.
2. Stress-strain relation in compression and in flexure.
3. Effect of moisture content on the strength and elastic properties.
4. Thermal properties.
(b) The subgrade- -
5. Resistance offered by the subgrade to horizontal slab movement.
6. Resistance offered by the subgrade to vertical slab movement (or deflection) including an attempt to evaluate the support offered to the slab by the subgrade under the test sections.


Figure 19.-Apparatus Used for Determining the StressStrain Relation for Concrete in Flexure.
Although the auxiliary tests are grouped here in the description of test procedure, most of the tests were carried out as separate investigations and the discussions of the data obtained will appear in the particular parts of the report with which they are concerned. In one or two cases these collateral investigations proved to be sufficiently comprehensive and general to warrant a more detailed presentation elsewhere and, in those cases, only the facts that have a direct bearing on the major research will be included in this report, leaving the detailed description of what was done to a separate report.
STRESS-STRAIN RELATION AND COEFFICIENT OF EXPANSION OF CONCRETE DETERMINED
The strength tests of the concrete were made to determine the ultimate strength in compression and in flexure so that safe working stress limits might be fixed.


Figure 20.-Apparatus Used for Determining the Resistance of the Subgrade to Horizontal Movement of the Pavement.

The procedure followed in making these tests was simply that of good testing practice and included no unusual features. It will not be described therefore. The data obtained have already been given on page 148 .

The determination of the stress-strain relations in compression and in flexure was a matter of considerable importance because of the direct application of the data to the analysis of the slab tests. Effort was made to have the tests comprehensive as to scope and precise as to technique to develop thoroughly reliable data. The stress-strain relation in compression was determined from tests on cores, using an extensometer of the Martens' type. ${ }^{8}$.These cores were drilled from the small sections provided for the purpose and the program included tests on both wet and dry specimens.

For the determination of the stress-strain relation in flexure on the sawed beams, use was made of equipment designed in the bureau for this particular purpose and shown in figure 19. This apparatus consists of two frames that are clamped around the flexure specimen either side of the midspan and far enough apart to permit the installation of a recording strain gage near the top and bottom on each side of the beam. Each frame makes contact with the specimen at two points on each side of the beam. These points are small chisel-edged studs projecting from the inside of the frame directly opposite the points where the ends of the strain gages make contact with the frame and are held tightly to the specimen by tightening the transverse tie bolts of the frame. When the specimen is flexed the strain gages record the amount of length change that occurs between the frames on either side of the beam and in both tension and compression. The load was applied at the third points of the span and the deflection of the specimen at mid-span was measured with micrometer dials arranged on either side. The equipment for load application and for deflection measurement was omitted in figure 19 so that the details of the strain-measuring apparatus could be seen to better advantage.

Flexure specimens in both the wet and dry states were included in these tests. Since the concrete in the pavement slabs contained moisture and the moisture content of the concrete was assumed to vary, it seemed desirable to develop any information possible relative to the variations in moisture in the pavement slabs and also as to the effect of moisture condition on the physical properties of concrete similar to that used in making the slabs. The moisture content of the slabs was determined by the rather crude but direct

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Figure 21.-Apparatus Used for Determining the Resistance of the Subgrade to Vertical Displacement.
method of weighing and drying fragments of concrete broken from the short sections of pavement provided for test specimens of all kinds. The moisture content of the test specimens was also determined by weighing.
The coefficient of thermal expansion of the concrete was determined by a method developed for these tests. Concrete of the same materials and proportions as were used in the pavement sections was placed in a cylindrical mold 12 inches in diameter and 24 inches high and made of a very light-gage sheet copper. This mold was in reality a large can with a watertight bottom and top. An electric telemeter was installed at the midpoint of the longitudinal axis of the cylinder. The concrete was introduced through an opening in the top of the can and as soon as the surface of the concrete was within about half an inch of the top of the mold this opening was sealed off by soldering on a cover plate. This effectively retained within the copper jacket all of the moisture originally in the concrete.
After the concrete had set and the heat of setting had been dissipated, the sealed specimen was placed in an insulated water bath, the temperature of which was placed at different levels within the range of normal air temperatures, and maintained at each until complete temperature equilibrium was established. The unit changes in length accompanying the various changes in temperature were measured with the embedded telemeter. This furnished a simple and apparently satisfactory method for the determination. The mass of concrete was large enough to be representative and the usual difficulties due to moisture changes in the specimen were avoided by using a watertight envelope.
resistance of subgrade to horizontal and vertical movement studied
The tests made on the subgrade in place were planned with two objects in mind: First, to determine
the character of the resistance that the subgrade offered to horizontal movement of the slab; and second, to find out what resistance the subgrade offered to vertical movement of the slab (such as deflection under load) and, if possible, to develop some means for evaluating this resistance in terms that would be applicable to pavement design.
The first tests were made with 4 slabs, each 4 feet square and 6 inches thick, placed on the same subgrade as the large test sections. The general method of test was to move these small slabs horizontally, very slowly, alternately forward and backward by total amounts that equalled approximately the annual cycle of expansion and contraction of the large pavement sections. The thrust necessary to cause horizontal movement and the magnitude of the displacement caused by the thrust were measured from the time that the first detectable movement took place until the total desired displacement had been attained.
Figure 20 shows the apparatus set up for one of these tests. In this figure, A is a jack used to develop the thrust, B is a spherical bearing block that controls the line of the thrust, C is a steel beam whose deflection, as indicated by the micrometer dial D , measures the magnitude of the thrust, E is the frame supporting the steel beam and the dial, F is the small slab, G is the micrometer dial that measures the horizontal displacement of the slab, and H is a rigid member used to support the dial G .
The second group of subgrade tests may be described generally as load-deflection tests on circular bearing plates in intimate contact with the subgrade. The diameters of the plates used were $2,4,6,8,12,16,20,26$, 36,54 , and 84 inches. The two larger sizes were concrete disks cast on the subgrade, the others were steel plates bedded in a $1 / 2$-inch layer of mortar placed on the
subgrade, but separated from it by a layer of waterproofed paper so that the moisture content of the soil would not be altered.

Figure 21 shows the loading equipment set up over the 84 -inch bearing plate. It will be observed that the loads were applied on these plates in the same manner as on the pavement sections. For the very small plates a system of dead-load increments was used. Vertical displacements were measured with respect to fixed reference points by means of the clinometer shown in the figure. Generally these measurements were made at three points $120^{\circ}$ apart around the periphery of the plates, although in some cases the measurements were made at the midpoint. In general the loads applied were such that a vertical displacement would be produced that approximated in magnitude the observed deflections of the pavement slabs. The deflection of a slab corner, for example, was found to be approximately 0.05 inch, the slab edge 0.02 inch, and the interior of the
panel 0.01 inch for a load that did not overstress the concrete.

In making the tests on the subgrade, vertical displacements of $0.005,0.010,0.020,0.035$, and 0.050 inch were obtained in nearly all cases. For each displacement value, several loads were applied until a given load produced the same deflection each time it was applied. Each load was applied for 5 minutes and then released for 5 minutes before being applied again. In planning these tests it seemed desirable to arronge the procedure so that the subgrade would be subjected to the same conditions as would obtain under the loaded pavement slab, as nearly as possible. For this reason the rate of loading and the orders of magnitude of subgrade deformation were made to correspond very closely as noted above. The moisture content of the soil was determined before and after each test and protection from sunshine and rainfall was provided.

# ROAD-BUILDING LIMEROCKS 

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LIMESTONES include those rocks that are composed principally of calcium carbonate with varying amounts of other materials, chiefly silica, magnesia, alumina, and iron oxide. Their physical characteristics vary from the crystalline marbles and consolidated true limestones to the unconsolidated shell marls. This report is concerned with the less consolidated grades of limestone, known locally as "limerocks", that, because of their availability, are used extensively in the construction of road surfaces and base courses in the Southeastern States.

## ORIGIN OF LIMEROCKS DISCUSSED ${ }^{1}$

Geologically, the limestones belong to the sedimentary group of rocks, or those that are composed of materials from older rocks that have undergone disintegration and have been redeposited either on land or in water by physical, organic, or chemical agencies. The following, more-detailed discussion of this process deals only with the formation of limestone in water, because the limerocks discussed in this report are chiefly of marine origin.

Lime ( CaO ) is widely distributed throughout the earth's crust. Because of its chemical activity it is always found in combination with other elements, chiefly as calcium carbonate $\left(\mathrm{CaCO}_{3}\right)$, in the form of limestone, calcite, and marine and fresh-water shells. It is not readily soluble in pure water, but is soluble in water charged with carbon dioxide $\left(\mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)$, resulting in carbonic acid $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}\right)$.

Rain water becomes carbonic acid by absorbing carbon dioxide from the air or by contact with decaying vegetable matter. This acidulated water percolating through soil and rock materials takes calcium carbonate into solution as calcium bicarbonate $\mathrm{CaH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CO}_{3}\right)_{2}$. While still in solution the lime is carried by streams and rivers to the ocean where conditions are favorable for deposition.

The deposition of calcium carbonate to form limestone is effected through two main processes: First, the activity of organisms that remove calcium carbonate from solution to form shells; and second, the removal of carbon dioxide by chemical and physical agencies, such as evaporation, aeration, and activity of bacteria and algae, with resultant supersaturation with and precipitation of calcium carbonate.

In an ideal case with both of these processes functioning, the sea floor becomes covered with more or less worn and broken shells and the remains of limesecreting sea plants, bound together by an amorphous mass of calcium carbonate precipitated by different chemical reactions. If the bed becomes buried under newer sediments due to sinking of the sea floor, the pressure causes further consolidation and partial crystallization. If it becomes exposed by rising of the sea floor, rain water will leach out the calcium carbonate from the upper layers and redeposit and partially crystallize it in the lower layers, thus effecting further consolidation. The degree of consolidation has much to do with the classification of limestones, which differ

[^5]widely in composition, hardness, texture, and color. The one property common to all limestones is the predominance of calcium carbonate.

With respect to physical appearance, the limerocks of the Southeastern States may be grouped as follows:

1. Semicrystalline.-Hard, rather compact limestone. originally soft but recrystallized and consolidated by the action of water. Examples are found in all limerocks that have been exposed to weathering and percolating water.
2. Fossiliferous.-Any limestone composed chiefly of fossil shells or other animal remains. All limerocks are fossiliferous in varying degrees.
3. Shell.-Limerock composed almost entirely of shells or shell fragments.
4. Chalky.-Partly consolidated limestone composed of microscopic shells and shell fragments.
5. Oolitic.-Limerock composed of tiny nodules of crystalline calcium carbonate held together by a calcareous cement.
6. Sandy.-Limerock into which sand has been incorporated by the action of water currents and waves.
7. Cherty or finty.-Limerock containing nodules or bands of chert or flint. Chert is amorphous silica formed from spicules of sponges and other siliceous matter by the action of ground water.
8. Marl.-An indefinite term applied to any soft, earthy mass containing varying quantities of lime, clay, sand, and carbonaceous material. The lime content frequently is in the form of marine or fresh-water shell fragments.

## LOCATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF LIMEROCKS DESCRIBED

The limerocks are found in greatest abundance throughout Florida and in the southern portions of Georgia and Alabama. The principal workable deposits in Florida are known as the Ocala, Marisnna, Miami Oolite, Tampa, Glendon, and Coquina formations, and also include extensive deposits of undifferentiated marls. The physical characteristics and general locations of these deposits are as follows:

1. Ocala.-The Ocala formation consists of a creamwhite, soft, porous, granular limestone that bleaches to a chalk-white on exposure (see fig. 1). Some portions are hard and semicrystalline, and in some localities it contains nodules and layers of chert. On the whole it is very uniform in texture and composition, containing as high as 99.6 percent calcium carbonate.

Although the Ocala limestone presumably underlies the whole State to a thickness of more than 400 feet, it is exposed over a comparatively limited area about 50 by 150 miles in extent in the northwestern portion of the peninsula, adjacent to and paralleling the Gulf of Mexico, and in a small area in western Florida just below the Alabama line.
2. Marianna.-The Marianna is a very pure, soft, chalk-like limestone, cream-yellow when fresh and chalkwhite when bleached by exposure. Recent excavations have revealed that it contains a considerable amount of argillaceous material scattered throughout. The Marianna overlies the Ocala formation to a known thickness of 33 feet. It is exposed over a small area
surrounding the town of Marianna in Jackson County, Fla.
3. Glendon.-The Glendon limestone consists of minute fossils bound together by amorphous lime material. It is much more compact and not as powdery as the Ocala limestone. The outcroppings of this rock cover a considerable area in western Florida and extend into southeastern Alabama.
4. Tampa.-The Tampa limestone varies from a hard, semicrystalline, cream-colored or light-gray rock to a rather soft, amorphous material containing scattered masses of dense, crystalline limestone. The principal deposits are located in the western portion of the peninsula near the city of Tampa, also in the extreme northeastern portion of the peninsula, and to a limited extent in western Florida.
5. Miami Oolite. -The typical rock of this formation is a soft, white, pure ( 95 percent calcium carbonate), oolitic limestone with occasional irregular layers of calcite (see fig. 1). In places rounded grains of white sand are intermixed, sometimes occurring in lenses or pockets. The rock hardens on exposure to air and water. Miami Oolite, known locally as "Ojus" rock, occurs in a rather narrow strip along the coast of southeastern Florida.
6. Coquina.-The Coquina limestone occurs in three principal phases. The first is composed entirely of small, clean shells and shell fragments, usually unconsolidated but with hard ledges of firmly cemented shells near the top of the deposit (see fig. 1). The second phase consists of finely crushed shells closely cemented into a hard, compact rock. The third phase contains finely crushed shells and a large quantity of sand grains, cemented together by the calcium carbonate of the shells. In the latter phase it is more a calcareous sandstone than a sandy Coquina. The Coquina deposits are located chiefly in a narrow strip along the eastern coast of the peninsula.
7. Marls.-Marl deposits of various compositions are distributed over an extensive area in the lower third of the peninsula and in scattered localities in northern and western Florida.

In Georgia the principal limerock deposits are found in a comparatively narrow strip extending from the southwestern corner of the State in a northeasterly direction to the Atlantic coast. The limerocks in most of this strip are of the Jackson group, of which Ocala limestone is the upper formation, and therefore they are somewhat similar to Ocala limestone in physical characteristics. The limestones in the northern portion of this strip are principally marls that are also distributed in scattered localities throughout the southeastern portion of the State.

Outcroppings of the Ocala, Glendon, and Marianna formations are also found in Alabama. The Glendon limerock appears as an extension of the Florida deposits in the southeastern portion of the State. The Ocala and Marianna formations are found in the extreme southeastern corner of the State as extensions of the Florida deposits, and they also appear in limited areas in the southwestern portion of the State east of the Tombigbee River. As in Florida and Georgia, marl deposits are also distributed in scattered areas throughout the southern portion of the State.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION METHODS USING LIMEROCK
Mining of the limerocks is all open-pit work after the overburden of soil has been removed by power


Figure 1.-Typical Samples of Limerocks: A, Ocala Limerock. The Left Half is Hard and Semicrystalline, the Right Half is Soft and Porous. B, Miami Oolite; C, Shell-Phase Coquina Limerock.
shovels (see fig. 2). Although the rock is sometimes so soft that it can be scraped from the face of the pit by the shovels, it is usually fractured and loosened by blasting to facilitate handling. It is conveyed to crushers, crushed to the fineness required, and either loaded directly or stored. Although in most of the deposits the limerock is soft and powdery, crushing is usually necessitated by the occurrence of harder masses. Most pits are worked to the depth of the water table. However, Miami Oolite is mined by means of dredges to a depth of as much as 30 feet below the water table.

Some of the harder, semicrystalline portions of limerocks, of which limited quantities occur in a number of the principal formations, are suitable for use in mac-

bonded and compacted and its surface is true to grade and cross section.

The surface is then checked with a templet and straightedge, and the thickness of the base is checked by borings at regular intervals. Any deficiencies in smoothness and thickness are corrected, and the base course is then opened to traffic for a curing period.

After the curing period the base is given a light blading to correct any pitting caused by traffic; following this a bituminous prime coat is applied. After the prime coat has cured for a short period, the bituminous wearing course is placed (see fig. 4).

## limerocks grouped according to quality

For the purpose of determining the tests most suitable for distinguishing between the satisfactory and unsatisfactory varieties of limerock, samples representative of conspicuous performance and of roads under different climatic and traffic conditions were tested in laboratories of the Bureau. The tests ordinarily made on similar road-building materials were performed.

Samples were obtained from quarries or pits that supplied material for base courses of known performance and from base courses actually constructed in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. These samples were furnished by the State highway departments. Information on the quality or performance of the materials represented was supplied by the highway departments and by a Bureau representative.

The various degrees of quality or performance of the materials investigated have been designated by the terms "excellent", "good", "fair", or "poor"

The limerocks considered as excellent provide stable base courses under practically all conditions They have no plasticity and do not shrink appreciably on drying. They are readily machined and finished, and practically any faults resulting from errors in construction can be corrected without detriment to the quality of the material.

The limerocks considered as good are usually satisfactory if ordinary care is observed in construction. These materials have little shrinkage and are only slightly plastic. They provide a dull, closely-knitted surface when wetted and rolled, and are not slippery when wet. Excessive watering during construction, however, may result in their breaking down under manipulation to the extent that proper curing cannot be effected. Also, hauling over such materials when newly laid sometimes prevents bonding.

The limerocks classified as fair are similar in most respects to the good varieties and are just as capable of giving satisfactory service when first-class construction methods are used. However, they are less resistant than the good limerocks to failure in the presence of moisture such as would result from continued wet weather.

The limerocks considered as poor have never given entirely satisfactory results as base course materials. Field observations show that these materials are highly plastic and are slippery when wet. In finishing base courses constructed of some of these limerocks a scum is formed, often to a depth of one-half inch. This scum shrinks and cracks on drying and must be removed by blading. None of the poor limerocks can be used except when dry. They cannot be used with any assurance of satisfactory results except possibly in the lower layer of base courses on unusually good sandy subgrades, or when combined with at least an equal proportion of sand or other granular material.


Figure 3.- Base-Course Road Construction Operations Using Limerock; A, Subgrade Preparation. The Side Forms Are in Place. B, Dumping, Spreading, and Watering Limerock; C, Blading and Finishing Operations; D, Finished Base Course Ready for Prime Coat.

The materials investigated were grouped according to the foregoing designations, the groups being numbered consecutively from 1 to 4 in the order of their discussion.
various laboratory tests performed
The laboratory examinations of the limerock samples included chemical analyses, mechanical analyses, the Page tests, and determinations of the subgrade soil constants.

The chemical analyses disclosed the percentages of calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, and combined silica, alumina, and iron oxide.

The Page tests, the procedures for which are described in United States Department of Agriculture Bulletin 347, disclosed the cementing value and time of slaking.

The subgrade soil constants determined for the limerocks were liquid limit, plasticity index, shrinkage limit, shrinkage ratio, centrifuge moisture equivalent, field moisture equivalent, volumetric change, and flocculation factor.

The significance of all these constants, except the flocculation factor, and the procedures for their determination are discussed in detail elsewhere. ${ }^{2}$

The flocculation factor is determined as follows: Five cubic centimeters (absolute volume) of the powdered material are thoroughly dispersed in 39 cc of distilled water and 1 cc of chemical deflocculent in a $50-\mathrm{cc}$ glassstoppered graduate and permitted to settle. The flocculation factor is the ratio of pores to solids in the accumulated sediment at the end of 24 hours.

The tests were performed on material passing a no. 40 sieve, as it was found that with few exceptions the
samples could be reduced to this size with little effort ${ }^{*}$ This material may be considered representative of the fine or binder portions of the base courses produced by the crushing action of the rolling and other manipulation during construction. Whether or not this is enirely true does not invalidate the results for comparative purposes, since the same method of preparation was used for all samples.

Chemical composition.-The results of the chemical analyses given in table 1 show that the samples of excellent limerocks contained a high percentage of calcium carbonate, averaging 98.3 percent. However, table 1 shows that the fair limerocks contained an average of 97.1 percent calcium carbonate, or practically as much as the excellent limerocks contained. On the other hand, the good limerocks (excluding sample no. 24 , which is obviously not representative of the chemical composition of this group) contained considerably less calcium carbonate than the excellent limerocks, averaging 91.1 percent. Moreover, the poor limerocks contained practically the same amount of calcium carbonate as the good limerocks.

Likewise, the percentages of combined silica, alumina, and iron oxide did not vary according to the quality of the material, these percentages for the good limerocks being practically the same as those for the poor limerocks. The average magnesium carbonate contents of the inferior materials were slightly greater than those of the other groups, but the variation was not consistent enough to serve as a means of identification.

It is thus apparent that the chemical analysis is not an efficient indicator of the quality of different grades of limerock in general. However, it should be stated that a knowledge of the calcium-carbonate content has been found by field experience to be a satistactory guide


Figure 4.-A, Completed Limerock Base Course With Prime Coat; B, Applying Surface Treatment; C, Surface Treatment Completed and Highway in Use.
in the selection of materials within certain given deposits or formations.

Cementing and slaking values.-The lack of correlation between the cementing value and reported performance is at once apparent from the wide variation of cementing values within each of the groups. Because of this variation the average value for each group has little significance. It is interesting to note, however, that the average cementing value of the poor limerocks was nine times that of the excellent limerocks. The usual interpretation of this test, that the higher the cementing value the better the material, not only did not apply in this instance but was completely reversed. The erratic results obtained indicate that the cementation test, however interpreted, is a very uncertain method for distinguishing between satisfactory and unsatisfactory limerocks.

The average times of slaking for the poor limerocks were practically equal to those for the good limerocks. Also, there was no consistent difference between the slaking times for the samples of excellent and fair limerocks. Consequently, this test likewise did not serve to differentiate between the different grades of limerock.

Table 1.-Chemical composition, cementing value, and time of slaking of limerocks
GROUP 1. EXCELLENT

| Sample no. | Chemical composition |  |  | Cementing value | Time of slaking |
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|  | Silica, alumina, and iron oxide | Calcium carbonate | $\begin{gathered} \text { Magne- } \\ \text { sium } \\ \text { carbonate } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 8 \\ & 11 \\ & 13 \\ & 14 . \\ & 14 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Percent } \\ 0.40 \\ .50 \\ .65 \\ .90 \\ .90 \\ 1.35 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Percent } \\ 98.66 \\ 98.66 \\ 98.04 \\ 98.13 \\ 98.20 \\ 97.85 \end{array}$ | Percent $\begin{array}{r} 0.87 \\ .76 \\ .76 \\ .76 \\ .83 \\ .80 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14 \\ & 14 \\ & 11 \\ & 12 \\ & 53 \\ & 15 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Minutes } \\ 60+ \\ 15 \\ 10 \\ 60+ \\ 16 \\ 11 \end{gathered}$ |
| Average... | . 78 | 98. 26 | . 80 | 20 |  |

GROUP 2. GOOD

| 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 8. } 40 \\ 3.50 \\ 11.00 \\ 9.10 \\ 8.80 \\ 11.10 \\ 9.60 \\ 9.20 \\ 130.80 \\ 3.70 \\ 7.20 \\ 4.45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 90.89 \\ 96.07 \\ 87.50 \\ 90.00 \\ 90.00 \\ 87.76 \\ 88.75 \\ 89.55 \\ 167.50 \\ 95.00 \\ 91.78 \\ 94.82 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0.72 \\ .68 \\ .61 \\ .83 \\ .72 \\ .83 \\ .68 \\ .87 \\ .61 \\ .76 \\ .71 \\ .76 \end{array}$ | 87 79 88 71 75 110 57 80 102 50 86 9.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & 13 \\ & 13 \\ & 13 \\ & 11 \\ & 20 \\ & 11 \\ & 18 \\ & 20 \\ & 14 \\ & 10 \\ & 23 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average | 7.82 | 91. 10 | 74 | 83 | 15 |

GROUP 3. FAIR

| 31. 33. 36. 37. 38. | 2. 65 <br> . 50 <br> 3. 20 <br> 1. 65 | $\begin{aligned} & 95.34 \\ & 98.75 \\ & 95.63 \\ & 97.14 \\ & 98.66 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.51 \\ .83 \\ .76 \\ .91 \\ .80 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 168 \\ 32 \\ 11 \\ 34 \\ 39 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \\ & 60+ \\ & 60+ \\ & 5 \\ & 60+ \end{aligned}$ |
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| Average | 1. 67 | 97. 10 | . 96 | 57 | --- |
| GROUP 4. POOR |  |  |  |  |  |
| 43. | 10.00 | 88.32 | 0. 68 | 387 | 9 |
| 44. | 9. 45 | 87. 68 | 1. 44 | 101 | 25 |
| 45. | 9. 40 | 88. 04 | . 68 | 229 | 9 |
| 46 | 7.90 | 89.73 | 1.02 | 210 | 18 |
| 47 | 8. 25 | 90.00 | . 98 | 149 | 16 |
| 48 | 7. 45 | 90.45 | 1. 25 | 110 | 17 |
| 49. | 8. 30 | 89. 38 | . 76 | 249 | 8 |
| 50 | 6. 80 | 91.16 | . 91 | 115 | 15 |
| 51. | 7.35 | 90. 45 | . 95 | 107 | 12 |
| 52 | 7.90 | 90.36 | . 83 | 235 | 22 |
| 53. | 6. 65 | 91.60 | . 91 | 67 | 11 |
| 54 | 10.00 | 88.75 | . 76 | 196 | 9 |
| Average | 8. 29 | 89. 66 | . 93 | 180 | 14 |

${ }^{1}$ Excluded from averages.
Mechanical analyses.-The mechanical analysis of a soil yields information as to the presence of materials varying not only in size but also in character, since the different fractions are not merely the results of mechanical reduction in size of any one material such as sand, but are also the product of chemical reactions caused by weathering, oxidation, and the like. The mechanical analysis of a homogeneous material such as limerock, in contrast, merely reflects the degree to which the material was crushed in preparation, and therefore does not have the same significance as for a soil.

Therefore, the purpose of grinding the limerocks in preparation for test was not, as in the case of soils, to effect separation of particles already differing in size and character, but only to reduce the mass of material to such size as to make possible the performance of the physical tests.

A number of mechanical analyses were performed, however, because it was desired to determine whether or not limerocks differing in quality would break down to different degrees of fineness under the uniform
method of preparation used, and whether differences in quality thus would be indicated by the mechanical analysis. The similarity in the gradings of the samples representing the excellent limerocks to those representing the fair quality limerocks indicates that the degree of fineness does not vary substantially with the quality of material and, therefore, that the mechanical analysis is not significant for identification purposes. (See table 2.)

## GOOD LIMEROCKS HAD LOW PLASTICITY INDEXES

Subgrade soil constants.- The results of the subgrade soil tests, shown in table 3 , show that the shrinkage limits and shrinkage ratios were not consistently different for the various grades of limerock, and that volumetric change on drying out after being wetted to the field moisture equivalent was either entirely absent or so small as to have little significance. Although some shrinkage of the poorer grade limerocks was observed in the field, it is evident that the shrinkage is not always reflected in the laboratory tests and therefore that the usual method of determining shrinkage is of little value in limerock identification.

Likewise, the liquid limit considered apart from its relation to the other tests, while, on the average, increasing with decreasing quality of limerock, did not vary consistently for the different grades when individual determinations are considered.

Table 2.-Mechanical analyses of limerocks
GROUP 1. EXCELLENT


The results show that the poor limerocks had higher plasticity indexes than any of the good or fair quality limerocks and that, without exception, the excellent limerocks had no plasticity whatever. In addition, they show that the centrifuge and field moisture equivalents of the fair and poor limerocks were on the whole greater than those of the excellent and good limerocks. The rariation thus shown is highly significant in that the difference in water-absorbing properties of the good and fair limerocks thus indicated corresponds to the difference in their reported field performances in the presence of water, and thus offers a basis of distinction between these two groups.

Table 3.--Subgrade soil test constants for different limerocks
GROUP 1. EXCELLENT

| Sample No. | Liqusid limit | Plasticity index | $\begin{gathered} \text { Shrink- } \\ \text { age } \\ \text { limit } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Shrink } \\ & \text { age } \\ & \text { ratio } \end{aligned}$ | Moisture equivalent |  | Floceulation factor | Volumetric change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Centri- fuge | Field |  |  |
| 1. | 26 | 0 | 35 | 1.4 | 21 | 22 | 1.3 |  |
| 2. | 25 | 0 | 29 | 1.5 | 17 | 20 | 1.3 |  |
| 3. | 25 | 0 | 28 | 1.5 | 23 | 24 | 1.4 |  |
| 4. | 25 | 0 | 27 | 1.5 | 21 | 23 | 1.3 | 0 |
| 5 | 22 | 0 | 24 | 1.6 | 16 | 20 | 1.2 |  |
| 6. | 20 | 0 | 26 | 1.6 | 17 | 20 | 1.2 |  |
| 7 | 20 | 0 | 26 | 1.6 | 15 | 19 | 1.1 | 0 |
| 8. | 20 | 0 | 25 | 1.6 | 16 | 20 | 1.2 |  |
| 9 | 19 | 0 | 23 | 1.6 | 15 | 18 | 1.1 |  |
| 10. | 19 | 0 | 22 | 1.7 | 19 | 17 | 1.3 | 0 |
| 11. | 18 | 0 | 23 | 1.6 | 15 | 19 |  | 0 |
| 12. | 18 | 0 | 22 | 1.7 | 14 | 17 | 1. 0 |  |
| 13. | 18 | 0 | 21 | 1.7 | 15 | 18 | 1.2 | 0 |
| 14. | 17 | 0 | 22 | 1.7 | 15 | 18 |  | 0 |
| 15. | 17 | 0 | 21 | 1.7 | 17 | 16 | 1.0 | 0 |
| A verage | 21 | 0 | 25 | 1.6 | 17 | 19 | 1.2 | 0 |

GROUP 2. GOOD


GROUP 3. FAIR


GROUP 4. POOR

| 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 34 \\ & 31 \\ & 30 \\ & 30 \\ & 28 \\ & 28 \\ & 28 \\ & 25 \\ & 25 \\ & 24 \\ & 24 \\ & 23 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ 13 \\ 15 \\ 10 \\ 11 \\ 10 \\ 9 \\ 9 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & 24 \\ & 19 \\ & 24 \\ & 21 \\ & 24 \\ & 22 \\ & 19 \\ & 21 \\ & 19 \\ & 19 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | 1.7 1.6 1.7 1.6 1.7 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.7 1.8 1.7 1.8 | $\begin{aligned} & 31 \\ & 27 \\ & 23 \\ & 26 \\ & 24 \\ & 28 \\ & 26 \\ & 23 \\ & 23 \\ & 21 \\ & 26 \\ & 18 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24 \\ & 23 \\ & 22 \\ & 22 \\ & 22 \\ & 24 \\ & 22 \\ & 21 \\ & 20 \\ & 20 \\ & 20 \\ & 17 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.3 \\ 2.0 \\ 2.1 \\ 1.8 \\ 1.8 \\ 1.9 \\ -1.8 \\ 2.0 \\ 1.4 \\ 1.4 \\ 1.6 \end{gathered}$ | 5 0 5 0 2 0 0 4 10 2 2 2 |
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| A verage | 28 | 11 | 21 | 1.7 | 25 | 21 | 1.8 | 2 |

${ }^{1}$ Negligible.
Since the centrifuge and field moisture equivalents are apparently of like significance for this purpose, it would seem desirable to include only the simpler of the two tests, the field moisture equivalent, in the testing procedure.

The test results also show that, in general, the flocculation factors increase with decreasing quality of material.

## CONCLUSIONS

The test results indicate that the tests of greatest value for predetermining the quality of road-building limerocks are the plasticity, the field moisture equivalent, and the flocculation tests. While present information does not warrant the establishment of rigid limiting values, a plasticity index of 0 to the exclusion of all other determinations appears sufficient to indicate those limerocks that are likely to perform satisfactorily as base-course material under practically all conditions; a plasticity index from 1 to 7 and a field moisture equivalent not exceeding 20 indicate limerocks that will perform satisfactorily in carefully constructed base courses under average conditions; a plasticity index from 1 to 7 and a field moisture equivalent greater than 20 indicate limerocks that will perform satisfactorily in carefully constructed base courses under fairly dry conditions; and a plasticity index of 8 or more indicates limerocks that are likely to prove troublesome.

## NEW SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAY MATERIALS AND HIGHWAY BRIDGES AVAILABLE

A revised edition of the Standard Specifications for Highway Materials and Methods of Sampling and Testing is now available from the American Association of State Highway Officials, 1220 National Press Building, Washington, D. C.
This publication contains standard specifications for portland cement, high-early-strength portland cement, different grades of bituminous materials, aggregates for various highway uses, steel reinforcement, corrugated metal pipe culverts, wire rope and fittings for guard rails, premolded asphalt plank, reinforced concrete culvert pipe, and paint for traffic lines. This material covers 64 pages. Two hundred and forty-three pages are devoted to standard methods of sampling and testing highway materials. Included in this material are nine new methods and tests relating to sampling and testing subgrade soils. The price of the publication is $\$ 2$ per copy.

Use of the foregoing tests does not eliminate the desirability of using the chemical analysis in certain cases, such as those in which the quality of material within a given deposit or formation has been found to vary with the calcium carbonate content.
The flocculation test seems of sufficient significance to be useful for the preliminary field examination of limerocks. A flocculation factor exceeding about 1.9 will indicate material unsuitable for base-course construction, thus eliminating the necessity for any further tests. Of course as is shown, for example, by the test results on samples no. 52 and 53 (see table 3), a flocculation factor under 1.9 will not necessarily indicate a satisfactory material and must be supplemented by plasticity and field moisture equivalent tests for more definite identification. Use of the flocculation test in the field, however, will in some cases eliminate the inconvenience of sampling and transporting materials to a laboratory for further testing.

The new edition of Specifications for Highway Bridges adopted by the American Association of State Highway Officials will be available within a short time. The sections of this publication are General Provisions, Materials, General Construction, Special Construction, Design, Appendices containing tables of moments, shears, etc., for H-20 loading and a guide to grading structural timbers, and are welding metal bridge structures. The price of this publication is $\$ 2$ per copy

The Bureau of Public Roads has cooperated with the association in preparing both of these publications and the specifications are recommended by the Bureau for general use in highway construction. Copics are not available from the Bureau.

## HIGHWAY RESEARCH BOARD TO MEET IN DECEMBER

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Highway Research Board of the National Research Council will be held in Washington, D. C., on December 5 and 6,1935. A program of reports on research investigations is to be announced in the near future.

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