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## TOLL ROADS AND FREE ROADS

ASPECIAL REPORT by the Bureau of Public Roads on the feasibility of constructing and operating as a toll facility a system of six transcontinental high ways and on needed highway improvments was transmitted to Congress by the President on April 27, 1939, with a message recommending the report for the consideration of Congress.

The report shows that a system of transcontinental superhighways cannot be supported by tolls and will not solve any considerable part of the problem of providing adequate highway facilities.

The report was made in accordance with the Federai Aid Highway Act of 1938, approved June 8, 1938, which directed the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads to investigate and report his findings "with respect to the feasibility of building, and cost of, superhighways not exceeding three in number, running in a general direction from the eastern to the western portion of the United States, and not exceeding three in number, running in a general direction from the northern to the southern portion of the United States, including the feasibility of a toll system on such roads."

The report states that the building of such a system is entirely feasable from a physical standpoint but the system would not come within 50 percent of being self-supporting if operated as a toll facility. The report adds, however, that a system of toll roads such as the Bureau was required to report on does not meet the most urgent highway needs, and presents a master plan designed to meet these needs.

In this plan five classes of improvement are listed. A bold attack on the congestion and delays on main arteries by constructing express highways through cities, belt-line distribution routes around them, and bypasses around small towns, is proposed. It is also proposed to create a national system of interregional highways, approximately 27,000 miles in extent, by modernizing and improving existing routes of travel
and building new roads where necessary to provide more direct travel.

In studying the feasibility of a toll system, the Bureau selected six routes, located in accordance with the terms of the act, aggregating 14,336 miles. Its detailed studies show that the cost of constructing this system for fast-moving traffic, without crossing other

## TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, concurred in by the Secretary of War, enclosing a report of the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, on the Feasibility of a System of Transcontinental Toll Roads and a Master Plan for Free Highway Development.

The report, prepared at the request of the Congress, is the first complete assembly of data on the use being made of our national highway network. It points definitely to the corrective measures of greatest urgency and shows that existing improvements may be fully utilized in meeting ultimate highway needs.

It emphasizes the need of a special system of direct interregional highways, with all necessary connections through and around cities, designed to meet the requirements of the national defense and the needs of a growing peace-time traffic of longer range.

It shows that there is need for superhighways, but makes it clear that this need exists only where there is congestion on the existing roads, and mainly in metropolitan areas. Improved facilities, needed for the solution of city street congestion, are shown to occupy a fundamental place in the general replanning of the cities indicated as necessary in the report "Our Cities", issued in September 1937 by the National Resources Committee,

The report also points definitely to difficulties of right-of-way acquisition as obstacles to a proper development of both rural highways and city streets, and makes important and useful recommendations for dealing with these difficulties.
I call the special attention of the Congress to the discussion of the principle of "excess-taking" of land for highways. I lay great emphasis on this because by adopting the principle of "excess-taking" of land, the ultimate cost to the Government of a great national system of highways will be greatly reduced.

For instance, we all know that it is largely a matter of chance if a new highway is located through one man's land and misses another man's land a few miles away. Yet the man who, by good fortune, sells a narrow right-of-way for a new highway makes, in most cases, a handsome profit through the increase in value of all of the rest of his land. That represents an unearned increment of profit-a profit which comes to a mere handful of lucky citizens and which is denied to the vast majority.

Under the exercise of the principle of "excess-taking" of land, the Government, which puts up the cost of the highway, buys a wide strip on each side of the highway itself, uses it for the rental of concessions and sells it off over a period of years to home builders and others who wish to live near a main artery of travel. Thus the Government gets the unearned increment and reimburses itself in large part for the building of the road.

In its full discussion of the whole highway problem and the wealth of exact data it supplies, the report indicates the broad outlines of what might be regarded as a master plan for the development of all of the highway and street facilities of the Nation.
I recommend the report for the consideration of the Congress as a basis for needed action to solve our highway problems.

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## THE WHITE HOUSE,

April 27, 1939.
highways or railroads at grade, would be about $\$ 2,899,800,000$, which is at the average rate of $\$ 202,270$ per mile.

The average estimated annual expenditure for the period 1945-60, required for financing the construction, maintaining the property, and operating the facility would be $\$ 184,054,-$ 000 , which is at the average rate of $\$ 12,840$ per mile per year

Estimates of the potential traffic on the proposed toll system were based on actual traffic counts on the main highways of the country and studies of the character of highway travel. A number of facts led to the conclusion that only a small portion of present traffic could be attracted to the toll system. Longdistance travel constitutes only a small fraction of the total travel. Counts made on eastwest highways at stations established on a line extending from Canada to Mexico showed only 300 passenger vehicles crossing the line daily in transcontinental travel. The system could be expected to serve adequately only that portion of the traffic having origin and destination close to one of the six routes. Access to the highways would have to be controlled both for collection of tolls and to prevent interference with flow of traffic by entering vehicles. Vehicles traveling distances less than the spacing of access points would not use the toll roads.

It is estimated that the utilization of the system would average, during the period $1945-60,12,450,000$ vehiclemiles per day. Assuming toll charges of 1 cent per vehicle-mile for passenger vehicles and an average of 3.5 cents per vehicle-mile for trucks and busses, this
travel would produce an average annual revenue of $\$ 72,140,000$. This is considerably less than the $\$ 184,-$ 054,000 estimated average annual cost and leads the Bureau to conclude that the system studied could not be supported by toll collections.

The portion of the proposed system estimated to be most nearly self-supporting is the 172 miles from a point near Philadelphia, Pa., to a point near New Haven, Conn. With the increase in traffic expected by 1960 , this portion of the system would earn slightly more than the estimated cost for that year.

The report states, "If, as an actual test of the feasibility of a limited mileage of toll roads, it is the desire of the Congress to make provision for the consiruction of a section of highway of substantial length upon which there is a reasonable prospect of the recovery of the costs through tolls, it is recommended that such provision be made applicable to a section of highway, properly located, and extending from an appropriate point near Washington, D. C., to an appropriate point near Boston, Mass."

The report recommends the construction of a special system of direct interregional highways, with all necessary connections through and around cities, designed to meet the requirements of the national defense in time of war and the needs of a growing peace-time traffic of longer range. A system of such roads, including 26,700 miles, has been tentatively selected on the basis of the detailed traffic data available. Existing main highways can be modernized to form a large part of the system but some new highways will be needed to provide directness of travel. Although these roads represent less than 1 percent of the total mileage of rural roads, the Bureau estimates they would serve, when improved as indicated, at least 12.5 percent of the total vehicle travel on rural highways.

More complete information on the character of traffic in and near cities than has heretofore been available is presented. Traffic maps in the report show that about 90 percent of the traffic on main highways near the entrances to large cities is bound to or from points in cities themselves and cannot be bypassed around them. It is found also that a large part of the traffic is destined to or bound from points in the very heart of the city or points most conveniently reached by going through the center of the city.

There is great need, the report indicates, for express highways cut directly into and through the center of the big cities. These are needed not only for service of the through traffic delivered by the main rural highways but also for the daily in-and-out movement of local traffic between the downtown section and suburbs centering about the main highways at the periphery of the city.

The West Side Highway and Henry Hudson Parkway in New York, and the recently constructed express highway in St. Louis are cited as early examples of such facilities. The provision of similar facilities in Pittsburgh is now receiving serious consideration.

By preference such express highways should be constructed as attractively landscaped depressed thoroughfares passing under all cross streets.

Bypasses-the remedy usually proposed for the relief of congestion on through streets in cities-are said to be only a partial and, by themselves, a not very effective remedy. They are recommended around the smaller towns and a new type of belt-line distribution road around cities is proposed. For maximum
effectiveness, both the bypass and distribution highways must be free of cross traffic, parked vehicles and developments immediately adjacent, to preserve their initial advantage against the encroaching growth of the urban community, which otherwise soon converts them into ordinary local streets.

Outside of city limits on the main highways the report shows there is need of modernization of the existing roads to ease curvature, reduce gradients, and extend sight distance in order more safely to serve fastmoving traffic. Near the cities, also, a steadily increasing mileage of four-lane divided highways is believed to be required.

According to the report, such improvements are required on most of the mileage of the Federal-aid and State highway systems, especially those parts built before the recent considerable increase in the travel speed of motor vehicles. For the most part they involve only local changes in the existing roads. By such changes the bulk of the highway traffic that moves between adjacent cities will be amply served.

The report sketches the general outlines of a Master Plan for the improvement of roads and streets to meet the real needs of highway transportation. In addition to the several classes of improvements previously mentioned, the plan includes improvement of a carefully selected mileage of secondary and feeder roads to give direct service to a larger number of rural dwellers. The selection would be made from among the $2,618,-$ 000 miles of roads outside of the Federal-aid and primary State highway systems. Constituting about 83 percent of the country's total road and street mileage, these lesser roads serve at present only about 13 percent of the total vehicle mileage of traffic. Located on them, however, are the homes and working places of about 75 percent of the rural population. The purpose of the improvement of an additional mileage of these roads, therefore, is shown to be that of affording better access to rural property rather than the service of a large increment of traffic. The choice of the roads to be improved should be made in close conformity with a program looking to the promotion of economically and socially beneficial land use.

The report discusses at length the limitations hitherto placed upon road improvement by difficulties of right-of-way acquisition, and shows that similar difficulties are now the principal obstacle standing in the way of needed improvements of the several types described, especially within and in the vicinity of cities.

Taking the city of Baltimore as an example of a universal condition, it shows, by spotting the location of properties on which the city holds tax liens and properties being acquired for Federal slum clearance projects, that a wide belt of decadent property surrounds the central business section. Decay of values within this zone (the result of the outward movement of the homes of the more well-to-do citizens) is rapidly approaching a critical point. Creation of new values is beginning to occur, generally without regard to any well-conceived future street plan. In Baltimore, proposed slum clearance projects are shown to lie in the path of desirable express highway locations. All of which indicates the great importance of early consideration of the new street plans which must form the framework upon which the cities of the future will be erected. It also indicates the need and present timeliness of effective measures for the acquisition of land in the
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# TESTS OF CONCRETE CURING MATERIALS 

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NUMEROUS methods and procedures used for curing concrete pavements are included in the scope of the investigation herein reported. However, the investigation did not include the use of cotton mats which have proven highly effective as a curing medium, not only on account of their ability to retain moisture over a considerable period of time but also because they protect the concrete from large fluctuations in temperature at early ages when its ability to resist temperature stresses is low.

The reason for the omission of cotton mats was twofold. First, the investigation did not involve any study of thermal insulation but was for the purpose of determining the ability of various curing agents to retain moisture and thereby promote the development of strength. In the burlap curing that was used as a basis for the comparison of the other methods, the burlap was kept in a saturated condition at all times and therefore, insofar as moisture loss is concerned, the results were the same as would have been obtained with saturated cotton mats. Second, the technical and practical advantages of cotton mats have been demonstrated conclusively by previous investigations, both in the laboratory and in the field.

Thorough and complete curing has always been recognized as one of the most important single factors involved in the construction of a concrete pavement. The importance of delaying moisture loss until the concrete has attained sufficient strength to furnish high resistance to the shrinkage stresses resulting from drying is self-evident. For this reason, provisions for curing form a very important part of every concrete pavement specification.

For many years concrete pavements were cured almost entirely by means of a thorough and continuous application of water for periods up to 10 days after placing. Curing began by covering the concrete with wet burlap applied just as soon after finishing as possible. This was kept continuously wet until the following day when it was replaced by a covering of earth or straw kept continuously wet for periods of from 7 to 10 days. It has always been pretty generally agreed that, theoretically at least, the above method is ideal. However, it requires continuous wetting over a considerable period of time, a procedure which is not only expensive but requires constant and efficient supervision to insure full compliance.

TESTS MADE TO COMPARE CURING MATERIALS AND TO DEVELOP STANDARD TEST PROCEDURE
So long as only small amounts of pavement were involved and daily yardages were limited, it was possible to enforce such curing provisions without great difficulty. However, as methods of construction became more efficient, and daily yardages increased, the cost of curing by water as well as the difficulty of enforcing the requirements mounted rapidly. As was bound to happen, this condition has resulted within the last several years in the introduction of numerous substitute methods of curing, designed to accomplish the same purpose without the use of water. Most of these methods, involving the use of such materials as various
grades of waterproof paper coverings, sodium silicate, liquid bituminous products, rubber emulsion, etc., depend entirely for their efficiency on the ability of the materials to retain water within the concrete. The materials seal the surface and their use is justified on the theory that adequate curing can be accomplished by retaining the contained water.
Many attempts have been made from time to time to study the effectiveness of different methods of curing concrete through the construction of experimental roads, curing different sections by different methods. Such procedure would seem to be a very logical method of ascertaining the comparative value of different curing materials. Actually, however, the impossibility of controlling other variables that may affect the result, particularly weather conditions, make it of distinctly questionable value.

There are many problems regarding concrete pavement construction that may be studied with profit through the construction of experimental roads. However, in the authors' opinion curing is not one of them. It is believed that such comparisons should be made only in the laboratory under closely controlled temperature and humidity conditions, using a test procedure that will permit direct comparisons of the efficiency of different curing materials. Having determined, by means of a series of tests of this type, the degree of compliance that may reasonably be expected, suitable requirements could be written into standard specifications and the test procedure used as a standard routine laboratory method of evaluating the various materials and processes offered for use.

The tests reported herein were made with the twofold purpose of obtaining comparative data on the effectiveness of various curing materials and methods now in common use and of developing a standard laboratory test procedure for use in specifications. The procedure followed has been made available to Committee C-9 of the A. S. T. M. in developing a tentative method for testing curing agents. The curing materials that were investigated included, in addition to burlap, calcium chloride, used both as a surface application and as an admixture; sodium silicate; six waterproof papers; a special curing blanket consisting of two layers of burlap with a jute bat between; an asphalt emulsion; an asphalt cutback; a straw-colored lacquerlike liquid; and a rubber (latex) emulsion. The last four materials were proprietary liquid curing compounds applied in the form of a spray. A brief description of each of the materials investigated is given in table 1.

## studies made of 38 different curing procedures involving

 14 materialsSeveral of the surface-sealing materials were used both with and without a preliminary 24 -hour application of wet burlap. In addition, the time elapsing between the molding of the specimen and the application of the curing material was varied. The comparative effects of burlap curing for 1,2 , and 3 days without subsequent curing were also investigated. In all, 38 different curing procedures involving 14 materials were studied, the results being compared with the
results obtained with specimens cured continuously with wet burlap in sealed containers (ideal curing) as well as with specimens exposed to the air without protection of any kind. To provide ideal curing the specimens were first covered with two layers of wet burlap. Over this was placed a metal cover that was sealed around the edges to prevent any loss of moisture.

Table 1.-Description of curing materials

| Type | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| Burlap | Weight, 9 ounces per square yard. |
| Paper | 2 layers of paper cemented together with bitumen and reinforced with sisal fibers. |
| Paper B | 2 layers of paper, reinforced in both directions at about $1 / 2$-inch intervals and cemented together with bitumen, bitumen applied to 1 layer only. |
| Paper C | Same as paper B, except bitumen applied to both layers of paper. |
| Paper D | Single layer of unreinforced paper, treated with a white emulsion. |
| Paper | Same as paper D, except treated with a brown emulsion. |
| Paper F | Same as paper D, except treated with a brown-white emulsion. |
| Sodium silicate | Commercial grade as used for curing concrete. Applied with a brush. |
| Calcium chloride | Standard commercial product (flake) as used for curing concrete. |
| Curing blanket. | Consists of 2 layers of burlap with jute bat between. Weight 22 ounces per square yard. |
| Liquid curing material A. ${ }^{1}$ | Special asphalt emulsion used for curing concrete. Applied with a spray gun. |
| Liquid curing material B. ${ }^{1}$ | Special asphalt cut-back used for curing concrete. Applied with a spray gun. |
| Liquid curing material C. 1 | A straw-colored lacquerlike liquid. Applied with a spray gun |
| Liquid curing material D. ${ }^{1}$ | A rubber emulsion (latex). Applied with a spray gun. |

The liquid curing materials are all proprietary compounds, the exact composition of which was not determined.

The results of five series of tests, four after 7 days of exposure under the temperature and humidity conditions described below, and one after 28 days of exposure, are reported. A brief description of each procedure, including the type of curing material involved, whether used with or without an initial application of burlap, the time of application, and the duration of application, is shown in table 2. This table also indicates the series in which each procedure was used.

In series A to D , inclusive, the specimens were exposed for 7 days in an atmosphere maintained at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{F} . \pm 2^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. with a relative humidity of 32 percent $\pm 2$ percent, using for this purpose a specially designed curing cabinet in which the temperature and humidity were controlled automatically within the limits indicated. In series E, the specimens were exposed for 28 days. Each result reported in series A to D, inclusive, with certain exceptions noted in series $B$, is the average of either five or six individuai determinations made on different days. The results of the tests after 28 days, series E , are the averages for from two to five specimens, as noted in subsequent tables.

In series A, 19 methods in addition to the standard or ideal method and the method involving no curing treatment, were investigated. These included burlap for 1,2 , and 3 days; paper A and liquid curing material A with and without burlap; the other papers and liquid curing materials without burlap, that is, as recommended by the manufacturers; calcium chloride, both as a surface application and as an admixture; sodium silicate; and the curing blanket. It will be noted that in this series, surface sealing materials when used without burlap were applied 3 hours after molding. This would represent about the maximum time that might be required in the field. Burlap in this series, however, was applied immediately after molding.

Table 2.-Description of curing procedures

${ }_{1}$ The burlap was sprinkled intermittently in such manner as to keep it continuously wet
2 The burlap was sprinkled intermittently and allowed to become dry between
SPECIMENS SEALED TO PERMIT MOISTURE LOSS ONLY THROUGH curing medium
Series D was a duplication of series A, run several months later. In series B the effect of varying the time of application of the curing agent was investigated. For burlap, the effects of delaying the application 1 hour and 3 hours are shown as well as the effects of continuous sprinkling and of intermittent sprinkling. The relative effects of applying paper A and liquid curing materials $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}$, and $\mathrm{C}, 1$ hour after molding, as well as 3 hours, are also shown. Series C was run in order to obtain additional data on the effect of using waterproof paper and liquid curing material with a preliminary 24 -hour application of wet burlap for
comparison with the usual method which does not require burlap. Series E gives the results of a series of tests after 28 days of exposure, using, in general, the same methods as used in series A and D in which the specimens were exposed 7 days.
The effectiveness of each curing method was measured both in terms of relative moisture loss and relative strength, using test specimens of $1: 2$ mortar, $6 \frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by 12 inches long by 2 inches deep. The curing material was applied to the top or molded surface of the specimen, and sealed around the edges in such a manner that moisture could escape only through the curing medium itself. The rate of moisture loss was measured for each method by determining the loss in weight at various intervals during the exposure period.
The specimens were molded in watertight sheet metal pans, the bottoms of which were reinforced with angle sections for a stiffening effect. This was done because it was frequently necessary to handle them at about the time initial set was taking place and it was felt that molds that were not rigid might allow stresses to be set up within the specimen.
The procedure followed in fabricating the specimens was to mix just sufficient mortar for one test specimen at a time. A well-graded concrete sand was used in the mortar together with sufficient water to produce a plastic consistency. In each series, the water-cement ratio was maintained constant. However, because of slight differences in grading of sand used in the different series, it was necessary to vary slightly the watercement ratio from series to series. The maximum difference did not exceed 0.02 by weight. The mortar was puddled into the molds with the gloved fingers, after which the surface was struck off with a single stroke of a steel blade. No troweling was done. Immediately after molding, the specimens were weighed, these weights being taken as the initial weights from which the moisture losses were computed.

In all instances where burlap was applied immediately after molding (except where it was sealed in as in method 1), the specimens were not placed immediately
in the humidity-controlled curing cabinet, but were placed in an oven maintained at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{F} . \pm 2^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. but without humidity control. Where burlap was applied 1 or 3 hours after molding, the specimens were placed in the humidity-controlled cabinet until the burlap was applied after which they were placed in the oven. This was necessary because the procedure for burlap curing required that the material be kept saturated for the entire time of application. This would have made it impossible to maintain a constant humidity in the cabinet.

The burlap cover was kept saturated by immersing an overhanging end in a pan of water. It was found that in order to insure even and continuous saturation over the entire surface of the specimen it was necessary to use three layers of burlap. This method of keeping the specimens wet was used in order to avoid the necessity of opening the oven doors frequently for the purpose of sprinkling.

## RELATIVE EFFICIENCY OF EACH CURING METHOD DETERMINED

At the conclusion of the period of burlap curing the specimens were removed from the oven, the burlap removed and the specimens immediately placed in the curing cabinet (where burlap curing only was involved) or covered with the final curing material and then placed in the cabinet.

In instances where burlap curing was not involved, the procedure was to place the specimen in the humiditycontrolled cabinet immediately after molding. After the concrete had set, or after passage of a prescribed interval of time, the specimen was removed for the purpose of applying the curing material, after which it was replaced in the cabinet for the duration of the test.

At the conclusion of the exposure period the specimens were removed from the cabinet, the molds removed and the specimens immersed in water for 2 days prior to testing for flexural strength. For series A to D, inclusive, the age at test was therefore 9 days whereas for series E it was 30 days. To facilitate absorption of water, the upper and lower surfaces of each specimen

Table 3.-Series $A$; results of tests after 7 days ${ }^{1}$

| Method No. | Type of curing | Prosedure |  |  |  | Water remaining in specimens at age indicated ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Flexural strength | Relative efficiency, based on- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Burlap |  | Final curing material |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Applied after molding | Duration of application | Applied <br> after <br> molding Duration <br> of appli- <br> cation |  | 3 hours | 1 day | 2 days | 3 days | 4 days | 7 days |  | Water loss | Strength |
| 13 | Burlap | Hours ${ }_{0}$ | Days 7 | Hours | Days | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | $\begin{array}{\|} \text { Percent } \\ 102 \end{array}$ | Ib. per <br> sq. in. <br> 1,018 | 100 | 100 |
| $3{ }^{2}$ | Nurlap | 0 | 1 |  |  | 97 | 101 | 77 95 | 76 93 | 74 92 | $\begin{array}{r}73 \\ 90 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 561 861 | 0 59 | 0 66 |
| 4 a | -.-.-do. | 0 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 102 | 98 | 96 | 94 | 988 | 72 | 93 |
| 52 | .-do. | 0 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | 102 | 99 | 97 | 996 | 83 | 95 |
| 63 | Paper A with burlap | 0 | 1 | 24 | 6 |  | 101 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 1,025 | 93 | 102 |
| 73 | Sodium silicate with burlap...- | 0 | 1 | 24 | 6 |  | 101 | 98 | 96 | 95 | 94 | , 908 | 72 | 76 |
| 83 | Calcium chloride with burlap.-.-.-- | 0 | 1 | 24 | 6 |  | 101 | 96 | 95 | 94 | 90 | 1,022 | 59 | 101 |
| 9 a | Liquid material A with burlap...... | 0 | 1 | 24 | 6 |  | 101 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 1,055 | 93 | 108 |
| 11. | Calcium chloride admixture with burlap | 0 | 1 | ${ }^{(3)}$ | $\left.{ }^{3}\right)$ |  | 101 | 97 | 96 | 95 | 92 | 947 | 66 | 84 |
| 12 c | Curing blanket.-........................ |  |  | (3) | 3 | 96 |  |  | 90 | 89 | 86 | 740 | 45 | 39 |
| 13 e | Paper A ....... |  |  | 3 | 7 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 769 | 76 | 46 |
| 14 c | Paper B-.... |  |  | 3 | 7 | 97 | 96 | 95 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 768 | 72 | 45 |
| 15 c | Paper C |  |  | 3 | 7 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 96 | 95 | 95 | 808 | 76 | 54 |
| 16 c | Paper D. |  |  | 3 | 7 | 96 | 84 | 82 | 80 | 80 | 77 | 571 | 14 | 2 |
| 17 e | Paper E |  |  | 3 | 7 | 96 | 84 | 82 | 81 | 80 | 78 | 634 | 17 | 16 |
| 18 c | Paper F. |  |  | 3 | 7 | 95 | 84 | 82 | 80 | 79 | 77 | 610 | 14 | 11 |
| 19 c | Liquid material A |  |  | 3 | 7 | 95 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 94 | 791 | 72 | 50 |
| 20 c | Liquid material B |  |  | 3 | 7 | 96 | 95 | 95 | 93 | 93 | 92 | -762 | 66 | 44 |
| 21 c | Liquid material C. |  |  | 3 | 7 | 96 | 90 | 89 | 88 | 87 | 85 | 673 | 41 | 25 |
| 22 c | Liquid material $\mathrm{D}_{\text {. }}$ |  |  | 3 | 7 | 96 | 94 | 93 | 93 | 92 | 92 | 724 | 66 | 36 |

were rubbed with a carborundum stone prior to immersion. This procedure was followed in an effort to place all specimens in a uniform condition, insofar as contained moisture was concerned, prior to test. As will be discussed in detail later, this apparently was not accomplished under all conditions, possibly accounting for certain discrepancies in the strength results that were observed.

Flexure tests were made at the conclusion of the 2-day resaturation period, the load being applied at the center of a 9 -inch span, with the top surface as molded in tension.

The rate at which specimens cured by the different methods gave up water at various periods from time of molding up to and including 7 days of exposure, the flexural strengths at 9 days, and the "relative efficiency," from the standpoint of both water retention and strength, are shown in tables 3 to 6, inclusive; except that table 5 (series C) contains no data on relative efficiency because in this series no values were obtained on the specimens receiving no curing treatment
(method no. 2). Corresponding values for 28-day exposure are shown in table 7.

Relative efficiency as used in this report is a value that represents the comparative effectiveness of the particular method involved on the basis of 100 for specimens cured by the ideal method (method 1a) and 0 for specimens receiving no curing treatment (method 2). Thus, in series A, table 3, the strength of the ideally cured specimens averaged 1,018 pounds per square inch, whereas, the specimens receiving no curing treatment averaged 561 pounds per square inch. The difference, 457 pounds per square inch, may be considered as representing the gain in strength that was attained through ideal curing. On this basis, method 3a, 24-hour burlap curing, with a strength of 861 pounds per square inch, had a relative efficiency of 66 . Values for relative efficiency based on water loss were computed in the same manner.

Thus, from table 3 it will be noted that the specimens given no curing treatment (method 2) averaged 27 percent moisture loss at 7 days, whereas, the specimens

Table 4.-Series B; results of tests after 7 days ${ }^{1}$

| Method No. | Type of curing | Procedure |  |  |  | Water remaining in specimens at age indicated ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Flexural strength | Relative efficiency based on- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Burlap |  | Final curing material |  | 1 hour | 3 hours | 1 day | 2 days | 3 days | 4 days | 7 days |  |  |  |
|  |  | A pplied after molding | Duration of application | Applied after molding | Duration of application |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Water loss | Strength |
| 1 a | Burlap | Hours ${ }_{0}$ | Days 7 | Hours | Days | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent 103 | $\begin{gathered} L b . \text { per } \\ \text { sq. in. } \\ 924 \end{gathered}$ | 100 | 100 |
| 2 | None.- |  |  |  |  |  |  | 73 | 71 | 69 | 68 | 65 | 574 | 0 | 0 |
| 43 | Burlap. | 0 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 102 | 96 | 94 | 91 | 879 | 68 | 87 |
| 4 b | -...-do. | 1 | 2 | .... | -..- | 99 |  |  | 99 | 92 | 90 | 87 | 841 | 58 | 76 |
| 4- | -.-.do.--........... | 3 | 2 |  |  |  | 96 | ------- | 103 | 95 | 93 | 90 | 827 | 66 | 72 |
| $3{ }^{3} \mathrm{c}-1$ | Burlap sprinkled int tently | 3 | 2 |  |  |  | 96 |  | 99 | 95 | 93 | 90 | 798 | 66 | 66 |
| $4 \mathrm{4c}-2$ | -...-do..... | 3 | 2 |  |  |  | 96 |  | 90 | 86 | 85 | 82 | 714 | 45 | 37 |
| 58 | Burlap. | 0 | 3 | .-.....- |  |  |  |  |  | 104 | 99 | 95 | 910 | 79 | 96 |
| 5 b | -....do. | 1 | 3 |  |  | 99 |  |  |  | 99 | 94 | 90 | 907 | 66 | 95 |
| 5 C | -..do do-.-........ | 3 | 3 |  |  |  | 96 |  |  | 102 | 96 | 92 | 859 | 71 | 81 |
| $85 \mathrm{c}-1$ | Burlap sprinkled inte tently | 3 | 3 |  |  |  | 97 |  |  | 99 | 94 | 91 | 885 | 68 | 92 |
| $45 \mathrm{c}-2$ | -.--do..-.-.-.-. | 3 | 3 |  |  |  | 96 |  |  | 90 | 89 | 85 | 698 | 53 | 32 |
| 6 | Paper A with burlap | 0 | 1 |  |  |  | - |  |  | 101 | 101 | 100 | 894 | 92 | 91 |
| 6 b | -..--do.-............ | 1 | 1 | 24 | 6 | 99 | -- | 99 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 97 | 956 | 84. | 109 |
| 6 c | --d0. | 3 | 1 | 24 | 6 |  | 96 | 103 | 102 | 101 | 101 | 100 | 925 | 92 | 100 |
| 13 b | Paper A |  |  | 1 | 7 | 99 |  | 97 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 94 | 855 | 76 | 80 |
| 13 c | - --.do-....-.-.-.- |  |  | 3 | 7 |  | 96 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 838 | 74 | 75 |
| 19b | Liquid material A. | - | -----.---- | 1 | 7 | 99 |  | 92 | 89 | 88 | 87 | 85 | 773 | 53 | 57 |
| 190 | -_- do .-....-...... |  |  | 3 | 7 |  | 96 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 849 | 74 | 79 |
| 20 b | Liquid material B |  |  | 1 | 7 | 99 |  | 92 | 90 | 88 | 87 | 84 | 807 | 50 | 67 |
| 20 c | ....do |  |  | 3 | 7 |  | 95 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 92 | 92 | 919 | 71 | 99 |
| 21 b | Liquid material C |  |  | 1 | 7 | 99 |  | 85 | 82 | 80 | 79 | 76 | 657 | 29 | 24 |
| 21 c | -....do.-..........- |  |  | 3 | 7 | - | 95 | 88 | 86 | 84 | 83 | 81 | 733 | 42 | 45 |
| ${ }^{1}$ All results average of 5 tests except as noted. |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{3}$ Average of 3 tests. Burlap kept constantly in a moist con |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Based on total water in specimens after molding. |  |  |  |  |  | Average of 2 tests. |  |  | lap allow | ed to be | come pra | actically | dry before | each spr | nkling. |

Table 5.-Series $C$; results of tests after 7 days ${ }^{1}$

| Method No. | Type of curing | Procedure |  |  |  | Water remaining in specimens at age indicated ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Flexural strength |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Burlap |  | Final curing material |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Applied after molding | Duration of application | Applied after molding | Duration of application | 3 hours | 1 day | 2 days | 3 days | 4 days | 7 days |  |
| 1 la | Burlap-....-......- | Hours$\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Days } \\ 7 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array}$ | Hours | Days | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lb. per } \\ & \text { sq. in. } \\ & 843 \end{aligned}$ |
| 6 c 9 c | Paper A with burlap |  |  | 24 | 6 | 96 96 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 100 | 810 |
| 10 c | Liquid material B with burlap |  |  | 24 24 | 6 6 | 96 95 | 104 | 103 | 102 | 102 100 | 100 98 | ${ }_{826} 82$ |
| 13 c | Paper A.-........................ |  |  | 3 | 7 | 95 | 94 | 194 | 104 | 100 93 | 98 | 826 |
| 190 20 | Liquid material A. |  |  | 3 | 7 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 818 |
| 20 c | Liquid material B. |  |  | 3 | 7 | 95 | 94 | 93 | 92 | 92 | 90 | 786 |

Table 6.-Series $D$; results of tests after 7 days ${ }^{1}$

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Method } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | Type of curing | Procedure |  |  |  | Water remaining in specimens at age indicated ? |  |  |  |  |  | Flexural strength | Relative efficieney based on- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Burlap |  | Final curing ma-terial |  | 3 hours | 1 day | 2 days | 3 days | 4 days | 7 days |  | Waterloss | Strength |
|  |  | Applied after molding | Duration of application | Applied after molding | Duration of application |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Burlap. | Hours | Days ${ }_{7}$ | Hours | Days | Percent | Per cent | Percent | Percent | Percent | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ 104 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lb. per } \\ & \text { sq. in. } \\ & 897 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 100 |
| $\stackrel{2}{3 a}$ | None.... | 0 | 1 |  |  | 96 | 76 103 | 73 94 | 71 91 | 71 90 | 67 86 | 597 808 |  | 711 |
| 43 | --.-do | 0 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 104 | 98 | 96 | 92 | 875 | fix | 93 |
| 58 | Paper A with burlap | 0 0 | 3 1 | 24 | 6 |  | 103 |  | 104 | 99 102 | 95 | 909 | 76 89 | 114 |
| 72 | Sodium silicate with hurlap.. | 0 | 1 | 24 | 6 |  | 103 | ${ }^{96}$ | 104 | 1 | 89 | 846 | 89 59 | 115 89 |
| 83 | Calcium chloride with burlap-- | 0 | 1 | 24 | 6 |  | 100 | 95 | 93 | 91 | 88 | 867 | 57 | 90 |
| 93 | Liquid material A with burlap....- | 0 | , | 24 | 6 |  | 102 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 99 | 943 | 86 | 115 |
| 113 | Calcium chloride admixture with burlap | 0 | 1 | ${ }^{(3)}$ | ${ }^{(3)}$ |  | 103 | 95 | 93 |  | 88 |  |  |  |
| 12 c | Curing blanket............................. |  |  | 3 | 3 | 96 |  |  | 89 | 87 | 84 | 741 | 46 | 48 |
| 13 c | Paper A --- |  |  | 3 | 7 | 96 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 785 | 70 | 63 |
| 14 e | Paper B. |  |  |  | 7 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 780 | 70 | 61 |
| 15 c | Paper C. |  |  | 3 | 7 | 96 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 805 | 73 | 69 |
| 16 c | Paper D. |  |  | 3 | 7 | 96 | 81 | 78 | 76 | 75 | 71 | 623 | 11 | 4 |
| 17 c | Paper E......... |  |  | 3 3 3 | 7 | 95 | 83 | 80 | 78 | 77 | 74 | 621 | 19 | 8 |
| 18 c 19 c | Paper F .-........ |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |  | 78 | 76 | 73 | 680 | 16 | 75 |
| 19 c 20 c | Liquid material A <br> Liquid material B |  |  | 3 3 3 | 7 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 822 | 73 | 75 |
| 20 c 21 c | Liquid material B- |  |  | 3 3 3 | 7 | 96 96 | 94 92 | 93 89 | 92 88 | $\stackrel{92}{87}$ | 90 84 | 759 <br> 178 | 62 46 | 54 27 |
| 22 c | Liquid material $D$. |  |  | 3 | 7 | 95 | 93 | 91 | 91 | 90 | 89 | 719 | 59 | 41 |

${ }^{1}$ All results average of 5 tests.
${ }_{2}$ Based on total water in specimens after molding.
${ }^{3}$ Mixing water contained 2 percent calcium chloride.
Table 7.-Series E; results of tests after 28 days ${ }^{1}$


[^0][^1]cured continuously under burlap (method 1a) gained 2 percent in weight. By giving this value a rating of 100 and that for specimens given no curing treatment a rating of 0 , the relative efficiency of, say, method 3a, with a moisture loss of 10 percent, was found to be 59. This method of rating the efficiency of the various curing procedures is considered more satisfactory than expressing the result as a ratio of the value for ideal curing because it is a measure based on the difference in result between ideal curing and no curing treatment, whereas the latter expresses the result in terms of ideal curing only.

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The relative efficiencies of the several curing procedures are also shown in tables 8 to 12 , inclusive, to facilitate comparisons between similar methods as well as to provide ready comparison of the results obtained for the same procedure in different series.

TAble 8.-Effect of time of application and duration of curing using wet burlap


Table 10.-Comparison of various liquid curing materials and effect of time of application

| $\begin{aligned} & \dot{B} \\ & Z \\ & B \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | Type liquid curing ma-terial | I'rocedure | Relative efficiency based on- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Water loss |  |  |  | Strength |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ \text { A } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ \text { B } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ D \end{gathered}$ | Av <br> er- <br> age | $\begin{gathered} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ \text { B } \end{gathered}$ | Se- <br> ries <br> D | Av <br> er- <br> age |
| 19 b | A | Liquid for 7 days; applied 1 hour after molding |  | 53 |  | 53 |  | 57 |  | 57 |
| 20 b | B | Liquid for 7 days; applied 1 hour after molding. |  | 50 |  | 50 |  | 67 |  | 67 |
| 21b | C | Liquid for 7 days; applied 1 hour after molding. |  | 29 |  | 29 |  | 24 |  | 24 |
| 19 c | A | Liquid for 7 days; applied 3 hours after molding. | 72 | 74 | 73 | 73 | 50 | 79 | 75 | 68 |
| 20 c | B | Liquid for 7 days; applied 3 hours after molding. | 66 | 71 | 62 | 66 | 44 | 99 | 54 | 61 |
| 21 c | C | Liquid for 7 days; applied 3 hours after molding. | 41 | 42 | 46 | 43 | 25 | 45 | 27 | 32 |
| 22 c | D | Liquid for 7 days; applied 3 hours after molding. | 66 |  | 59 | 62 | 36 |  | 41 | 38 |

Table 11.-Comparison of paper and liquid curing materials with and without preliminary curing with burlap, and effect of time of application

| $\begin{aligned} & \dot{8} \\ & 7 \\ & \frac{3}{3} \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | Procedure | Relative efficiency based on- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Water loss |  |  |  | Strength |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ \text { A } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ \text { B } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ \mathrm{D} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Av- } \\ & \text { er- } \\ & \text { age } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ \text { A } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ \text { B } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Se- } \\ \text { ries } \\ \text { D } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Av- } \\ & \text { er- } \\ & \text { age } \end{aligned}$ |
| 6 a | Burlap applied immediately, followed in 24 hours by paper A for 6 days. | 93 | 92 | 89 | 91 | 102 | 91 | 115 | 103 |
| 6 b | Burlap applied 1 hour after molding, followed in 24 hours by paper A for 6 days. | --- | 84 |  | 84 |  | 109 |  | 109 |
| 6 c | Burlap applied 3 hours after molding, followed in 24 hours by paper A for 6 days. |  | 92 |  | 92 |  | 100 |  | 100 |
| 13b | Paper A for 7 days; applied 1 hour after molding. |  | 76 |  | 76 |  | 80 |  | 80 |
| 13 c | Paper A for 7 days; applied 3 hours after molding. | 76 | 74 | 70 | 73 | 46 | 75 | 63 | 61 |
| 93 | Burlap applied immediately followed in 24 hours by liquid material A . | 93 |  | 86 | 90 | 108 |  | 115 | 112 |
| 19b | Liquid material A applied 1 hour after molding. |  | 53 |  | 53 |  | 57 |  | 57 |
| 190 | Liquid material A applied 3 hours after molding. | 72 | 74 | 73 | 73 | 50 | 79 | 75 | 68 |

Table 12.-Relative efficiencies of miscellaneous curing materials

|  | Type of curing | Procedure | Relative efficiency based on- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Water loss |  |  | Strength |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ \frac{2}{2} \\ \frac{2}{n} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \stackrel{y}{4} \\ & \stackrel{y}{3} \end{aligned}$ |  | 4 $n$ 0 $\vdots$ 0 |  | ® B0 \% ¢ a |
| 7 a | Sodium silicate with burlap. | Burlap applied immediately followed in 24 hours by sodium silicate. | 72 | 59 | 66 | 76 | 89 | 82 |
| 8 a | Calcium chloride with burlap. | Burlap applied immediately followed in 24 hours by a surface application of calcium chloride. | 59 | 57 | 58 | 101 | 90 | 96 |
| 11. | Calcium chloride admixture with burlap. | Burlap applied immediately for 1 day; 2 percent calcium chloride admixture added to mixing water. | 66 | 57 | 62 | 84 | 83 | 84 |
| 12C | Curing blanket....-.. | Curing blanket for 3 days; applied 3 hours after molding. | 45 | 46 | 46 | 39 | 48 | 44 |

In the following discussion of the results shown in tables 3 to 7 , inclusive, consideration will be given first to the rate at which specimens cured in various ways lost water during the exposure period. In general, the
values obtained for the various methods checked very closely from series to series. The data also show that the different methods varied considerably in their ability to retain moisture. As would be expected, burlap covering applied immediately and kept saturated (methods 3a, 4a, and 5a) not only retained all of the mixing water during the entire period of application, but also added water in amounts of from 1 to 4 percent. However, as soon as the burlap was removed, the specimens started losing water, the amount retained at the end of 7 days depending upon the duration of the burlap curing.
It will also be observed that, where the initial curing material was not applied until 3 hours after molding (methods in which the letter c follows the numeral), the specimens lost from 3 to 5 percent of the mixing water before they were covered. Where burlap was used and removed at the end of 24 hours (as, in methods 6 c and 9 c ), all of this water was regained during the first day after application. However, where no burlap was used (methods 13 c to 22 e , inclusive), the loss was permanent, the surface sealing materials being unable to supply moisture lost during this period. In series B, table 4, tests were run with burlap applied 1 hour after molding as well as after 3 hours (methods 4 b , 5 b , and 6 b ). For some unknown reason this procedure did not result in adding water to the specimens, the amount of contained moisture being exactly the same at the end of the burlap curing period as when it was applied.

It will be noted that none of the surface sealing materials was completely effective in retaining all of the mixing water throughout the 7 -day exposure period. For these materials moisture losses varied from 1 to 3 percent for the most effective materials to as much as 25 percent for the poorer materials. Furthermore, for a given material, this loss was about the same whether the material was used with or without burlap. When exposure in the curing cabinet was carried to 28 days (table 7), further loss in moisture was observed in every instance, the amounts ranging from 2 to 11 percent, depending upon the material. In general, papers $A, B$, and $C$ and liquid curing materials $A$ and $B$ were the most efficient of the surface seals in retaining water; sodium silicate, the curing blanket, and liquid curing materials C and D were intermediate; and papers D, E, and F were the least efficient. However, as stated above, none of the surface sealing materials studied was completely effective in retaining moisture during the 7 -day exposure period.

## STRENGTH DETERMINATIONS AFFECTED BY NONUNIFORM MOISTURE DISTRIBUTION WITHIN SPECIMENS

The relative efficiencies of the several curing procedures based on both water loss and flexural strength after 7 days of exposure, as given in tables 3 to 6 , inclusive, have been regrouped in tables 8 to 12 , inclusive, in order more readily to compare the effect of varying the details of similar methods of application as well as to facilitate comparisons of the results of each method from series to series.

In studying these data the reader is cautioned against drawing conclusions regarding the comparative values of the different methods based on comparisons of individual relative efficiencies. This applies particularly to efficiencies based on flexural strength results. As will be noted from the tables, these values for a given
method raried considerably from series to series. The variations were more pronounced for the surface sealing materials such as paper and the liquid curing materials, than where methods involving burlap only were used. Furthermore, they seem to follow a general trend in that the efficiencies calculated from the results of tests made in series $A$ are, in general, low; those obtained from series B, are, in general, high; while the results obtained from series I) are, as as rule, intermediate. As previously mentioned, these discrepancies may possibly be the result of variations in the moisture condition of the specimens at the time of test.
As is well known, the distribution of moisture within a flexure specimen at the time of test will appreciably affect its strength. In general, if the shell of the specimen contains more moisture than the core (a condition usually resulting from incomplete saturation after drying), the extreme fibers will be in compression and the observed breaking load will be higher than the true value. On the other hand, if the shell contains less moisture than the core (a condition usually associated with incomplete drying) the observed value will be lower than the true value. Because of the fact that these specimens were tested after an immersion period during which they may not have absorbed sufficient water to become completely saturated, it is possible that the comparatively high relative strengths obtained in certain series may have resulted from incomplete saturation of the specimens.

In preparing the specimens for test, every effort was made to insure uniform distribution of moisture. This, of course, is the only condition under which flexure tests of concrete should be made. However, inspection of the fractured specimens indicated that in many instances complete saturation was not accomplished even after 48 bours of immersion. The ideally cured specimens (method 1a) were, of course, thoroughly saturated when tested. The specimens that were given no curing treatment, as well as those cured with the least efficient surface sealing materials, because of their lack of density, absorbed water more readily upon immersion than the specimens cured by the more efficient surface sealing materials. Therefore, if the low ratings for the various curing materials were obtained because of more complete saturation, these ratings may possibly be considered to represent more nearly the true curing effect than where high ratings for the same method are shown.
In spite of wide variations in strength results in the different series, it is felt that the strength data are significant in that they indicate definite trends insofar as the general effectiveness of the several classes of curing materials are concerned. These trends will be pointed out in the following discussion of tables 8 to 12 , inclusive.

## Efficiency of liquid curing materials increased by DELAYING APPLICATION FOR 3 HOURS

In table 8 the results of varying the time of application after molding and the duration of curing with wet burlap are given. It will be noted that, regardless of the time elapsing before the application of the burlap, the efficiency of this method of curing is increased as the length of the period of application is increased. This is true for both water loss and strength. For instance, method 3a, where the burlap was applied immediately and remained in place for 1 day, had a
relative efficiency based on water loss of 55 and on strength of 68 . When the same material was allowed to remain in place 3 days (method 5a) the efficiency based on water loss was raised to 79 and that based on strength to 98 . The effect of delaying application of the burlap was to lower the efficieney as measured by strength (methods 4a, 4b, and 4c, for 2-day curing compared with methods $5 \mathrm{a}, 5 \mathrm{~b}$, and 5 c , for 3 -day curing). The same trends appear when the efficiency is measured by water loss, except that for both 2-day and 3 -day curing the amount of water remaining at the end of the 7 -day period was somewhat less when the burlap was applied 1 hour after molding than when applied 3 hours after molding. This reversal of trend has already been commented upon.

The results for methods $4 \mathrm{c}-1,5 \mathrm{c}-1,4 \mathrm{c}-2$, and $5 \mathrm{c}-2$ show the effects of continuous and intermittent sprinkling. Comparing 4 c with $4 \mathrm{c}-1$ and 5 c with $5 \mathrm{c}-1$, it will be noted that about the same results were obtained when the burlap was kept wet by sprinkling as when continuously saturated by keeping an end of the covering immersed in water. The effectiveness based on both water loss and strength was, however, seriously affected when the burlap was allowed to dry between the sprinklings (results for method 4 c compared with $4 \mathrm{c}-2$ and 5 c with $5 \mathrm{c}-2$ ). These data illustrate the importance of maintaining a continuously wet covering when burlap is used.

The results obtained with the six curing papers are shown in table 9. Papers A, B, and (1, seem to be about equally effective as is also true for papers $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{E}$, and F, except that the latter three papers show much poorer results. Papers D, E, and F, in fact, gave strengths little better than those for specimens receiving no curing treatment. The effect of period of application for paper A may be noted by comparing methods 13 b and 13 c . It will be observed that the efficiency of the paper, especially from the standpoint of strength, is somewhat less when the time of application is delayed.

Comparisons of the effectiveness of the various liquid curing compounds when used without burlap, that is, as recommended by the manufacturers, may be made from table 10. It will be observed that liquid materials A and B were considerably more effective than materials C and D. However, in no instance except one does the average efficiency approach that obtained by, say, the 3 -day burlap curing shown in table 8, method 5 a. The exception is method 20 c , series B. This is an instance where an unusually high value may have resulted from incomplete saturation of the specimens.

It will be observed also that in every instance except one, the relative efficiency of the liquid curing materials is increased by delaying the application until 3 hours after molding. This is just the reverse of the trend shown for curing with paper A (table 9). This increased efficiency may possibly be accounted for by the fact that when the liquid material was sprayed on at the end of 3 hours, surface moisture had disappeared to an extent which permitted a more perfect seal than when the material was applied at the end of 1 hour. The results emphasize the necessity of watching this detail carefully when applying such materials in the field.

## preliminary curing with burlap benefted specimens LATER CURED WITH OTHER MATERIALS

Table 11 permits a comparison of the results obtained with paper A and liquid curing material A when used
with and without an initial curing of wet burlap. It will be observed from the data that for both methods the efficiency of the surface sealing material is materially increased by the prior use of burlap. Additional data along this line are shown in table 5 (series C). The results of these tests were not included in table 11 because, due to the omission of the method involving no curing treatment, no calculations of relative efficiency could be made.
The results indicate that when application of the burlap is delayed for 3 hours, the strengths of the specimens cured without burlap (13c, 19c, and 20c) are very nearly as high as when burlap was used. However, because the saturated burlap returned to the specimen water lost during the first 3 hours, the total water retained at the end of 7 days was somewhat higher when burlap was used than when the paper and liquid curing materials were used as recommended by the manufacturers. In general, the conclusion is that for best results such surface sealing materials as paper, liquid asphalt, etc., should be used following application of wet burlap for 24 hours.

In table 12 are shown the results of tests with sodium silicate, calcium chloride, and the special curing blanket.

In testing these materials the general practice as used in the field was followed. For sodium silicate the results indicate an effectiveness somewhat less, in general, than for a 3 -day application of burlap and considerably less than the best waterproof paper or liguid curing materials used with burlap.

The results with calcium chloride are rather conflicting. For instance, the strength obtained in the surface application method are somewhat higher than would be expected from the water losses indicated. It is apparent that, at the low relative humidity to which these specimens were subjected ( 32 percent) the calcium chloride withdrew water from the specimen rather than from the air. The strengths, however, are quite high. The admixture did not scem to provide any better water-retaining propertics than many of the surface seals. Moreover, under these conditions, the strengths of the specimens contaning the admixture were quite low. This also may have been due to the low humidity and high temperature ( $100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.) to which the specimens were exposed.

## PROTECTION AGAINST MOISTURE LOSS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE

The special curing blanket, which was wet once when applied and remained in place 3 days, was quite low in efficiency as measured by both strength and water loss. Attention is directed to the fact that this blanket was of burlap and jute and it should not be confused with the cotton mats which, as previously stated, have proven highly effective for curing purposes. Neither should the results obtained with the jute blanket be regarded as representative of what would have been obtained had the blanket been wet at sufficiently frequent intervals to have kept it in a continuously moist condition.

Relative efficiencies of the various curing materials based on water retention and strength at the end of 28 days, are shown in table 7. Attention is called to the fact that, for methods 3 to 11, inclusive (methods involving the use of burlap), the results are the average of only two tests for the "a" methods and three tests for the " c " methods, instead of five tests as in all other instances.

With the above limitation in mind, it may be noted that all of the methods involving burlap only, that is methods 3 a to 5 c , inclusive, had low ratings after 28 days as compared to the corresponding results at 7 days. Furthermore, the beneficial eflects of burlap curing for 3 days as compared to curing for 1 day appear to be somewhat less pronounced. Specimens cured with waterproof paper A following burlap curing (methods (ia and 6c) developed high strength at 28 days. Attention is called to the fact that the paper remained in place for the full 28 -day period. The same material without initial hurlap curing (method 13c) showed a relative efficiency of only 40 as regards strength.

Liquid curing material A gave high strengths when the burlap was applied immediately (method 9a) but showed a comparatively low relative efficiency when application of the burlap was delayed 3 hours (method 9c). Without burlap, liquid material A (method 19e) showed a rating of 56 , only slightly lower than the combination in which the burlap was applied after 3 hours. These trends seem to parallel in general the indications at 7 days (table 5, series C and table 11). With respect to burlap curing as compared with the sealing materials, it might be pointed out that in this high-temperature, low-humidity atmosphere, the curing with burlap was discontinued at 3 days, whereas, curing continued to some extent under the seals that were effective.

The relative efficiencies of the methods employing sodium silicate, calcium chloride, and the curing blanket (methods $7,8,11$, and 12) are about the same at 28 days as at 7 days, when judged from the standpoint of water retention, but are much lower when considered from the standpoint of strength. However, the small number of specimens represented make any comparisons involving these methods of doubtful value.

The most significant point in connection with the 28 -day test data lies in the fact that in only two instances did the strength ratings anywhere near approach that of method 1a. These methods, burlap applied immediately followed by waterproof paper A (method (6a), and burlap applied immediately followed by liquid bituminous material $\Lambda$ (method 9a), provide the most nearly perfect continuous seals of any of the methods tested, thus emphasizing the conclusion that the greatest curing efficiency is provided by those methorls that protect the concrete against moisture loss to the greatest extent.

The results obtained in this investigation seem to warrant the following general conclusions:
A. As regards burlap used alone:

1. The effectiveness of burlap is increased by lengthening the duration of application.
2. The effectiveness of burlap is decreased by increasing the time elapsing between the placing of the concrete and the application of the burlap.
3. Burlap is not as effective when sprinkled intermittently as when kept continuously saturated.
B. As regards surface sealing materials:
4. The effectiveness of such materials as waterproof paper and liquid curing materials applied with a spray gun is materially increased when preceded by application of wet burlap for 24 hours.
5. The effectiveness of such membrane coverings as liquid curing materials $A$ and $B$ is materially improved by applying the covering 3 hours after modding ats compared to an application made 1 hour after molding.

## TOLL ROADS AND FREE ROADS

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cities, for future street developments and also for other kinds of public works and developments.

As one of its most important recommendations, the report suggests the creation of a Federal Land Authority with adequate capitalization and authority to issue obligations, which would be empowered to acquire, hold, sell, and lease lands, in connection with all sorts of public improvements, in ways designed to accomplish (1) the total or partial self-liquidation of such improvements, (2) the coordination of the various classes of improvements by the establishment of a proper relation in their use of land, and (3) the elimination of embarrassing delays in the accomplishment of desirable improvements, and of restriction likely to warp the form, and partially to defeat the purposie, of the improvements.
The report, entitled "Toll Roads and Free Roads," has been printed as House Document No. 272, Seventysixth Congress, first Session. Single copies can be obtained without charge from the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

## MOTOR-FUEL CONSUMPTION, 1938

[Compiled for calendar year from reports of State authorities 1]

| State | Tax rate vergallon ${ }^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gross } \\ & \text { amount } \\ & \text { reported }{ }^{3} \end{aligned}$ | Amount exempted from payment of tax ${ }^{6}$ | Gross amount :issessed for taxation | Amount subject to refund of entire tax | Net amount taxed |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | At prevailing rate | At other rates |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rate per gallon | Amount |
| Alabama | Cents | 1,000 gallons $226,8.38$ | 1,000 gallons | $\begin{gathered} 1,000 \text { gallons } \\ 226,838 \end{gathered}$ | 1,000 gallons | $\begin{array}{r} 1,000 \text { gallons } \\ 226,838 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \text { gallons } \\ & 226,8,838 \end{aligned}$ | Cents | 1,000 gallons |
| Arizona | 5 | 102, 711 | 5,487 | 97, 224 | 12,690 | 84, 534 | 84, 534 |  |  |
| Arkansas. | $3^{61 / 2}$ | 166, 200 | 6, 256 | 159, 944 |  | 159, 944 | 143, 479 | (5) | 16, 465 |
| Colifornia. | 3 4 | $1,763,625$ 227,258 | 33,284 10,445 | $1,730,341$ 216,813 | 158,413 28,869 | 1, 571, 928 | $1,571,928$ 187,944 |  |  |
| Connecticut | 3 | 326, 263 | 7,377 | 318, 886 | 6,176 | 312, 710 | 312, 710 |  |  |
| Delaware | 4 | 56, 638 | 1, 256 | 55, 382 | 2, 892 | 52, 490 | 52, 490 |  |  |
| Florida | 7 6 | 338,650 339,392 | 11,812 10,471 | 326,838 328,921 |  | 326, 838 | 326, 838 |  |  |
| Idaho. | 5 | 95, 077 | 3, 870 | 91, 207 | 9,130 | 82, 077 | 81, 888 | 21. | - 189 |
| Illidois. | , | 1,358, 680 |  | 1,358,680 | 102, 664 | 1, 256,016 | 1, 256, 016 |  |  |
| Indiana. | 4 | 612, 714 | 2,057 | 610,657 | 47,778 | 562, 879 | 562, 879 |  |  |
| Kansas. | 3 | -459,433 | 1,906 | 337, 527 | 78,629 | 337, 527 | 337, 527 |  |  |
| Kentucky | 5 | 256, 516 | --.... | 256, 516 |  | 256, 516 | 256, 516 |  |  |
| Lonisiana | 7 | 247, 176 | 4,905 | 242, 211 | 4 | 242, 207 | 234, 941 | 2 | 7, 266 |
| Maine | 4 | 144, 866 | 882 | 143, 984 |  | 143, 984 | 137, 406 |  | 8 6, 578 |
| Maryland. | 4 | 271, 434 | 4, 226 | 267, 208 | 18,600 | 248, 608 | 246, 433 | 3 | - 2,175 |
| Massachusetts <br> Michigan. | 3 3 3 | $\begin{array}{r} 690,203 \\ 1,053,961 \end{array}$ | 2,702 81,484 | 687,501 972,477 | 25,247 43,184 | 662,254 929,293 | 662,254 928,920 | 11 | 10373 |
| Minnesota | 4 | -536, 861 | 24, 749 | 512, 112 | 64, 668 | 447, 444 | 447, 444 |  |  |
| Mississippi | 6 | 190, 248 | 9,147 | 181, 101 |  | 181, 101 | 171,044 | 1 | ${ }^{11} 10,0.57$ |
| Missouri | 2 5 | 608,472 117.164 |  | 608, 472 | 27,386 21,259 | 581,086 89,450 | 581, 8986 |  |  |
| Nebraska | 5 | 232, 817 | 9, 469 | 223, 348 |  | 223, 309 | 223, 309 |  |  |
| Nevada. | 4 | 34, 771 | 2, 886 | 31, 885 | 1,927 | 29, 958 | 29, 958 |  |  |
| New Hampshi | 4 | 85, 157 |  | 85, 157 | 2, 443 | 82, 714 | 82, 714 |  |  |
| New Jersey. New Mexico | 3 5 | 812,804 96,450 | 3,257 6,410 | 809,547 90,040 | 67,112 8,390 | 742,435 81,650 | 742,435 81,521 | 71. | 12129 |
| New York. | 4 | 1, 802, 216 | 64,987 | 1, 737, 229 | 52, 557 | 1, 684, 672 | 1, 684, 672 |  |  |
| North Carolina | 6 | 403, 333 | 6, 294 | 397, 039 |  | 1397, 339 | 385, 834 | 1 | 1111,205 |
| North Dakota | 3 | 122,866 | 1,353 | 121, 513 | 35, 738 | 85, 775 | 85, 775 |  |  |
| Ohio ${ }^{13}$ | 4 | 1, 278,825 | 63, 190 | 1, 215, 635 | 8,797 | 1, 206, 838 | 1, 157,015 | 1 | 8 49, 823 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | 403, 795 | 12, 311 | 391, 484 | 41,294 | 350, 190 | 350, 190 |  |  |
| Oregon - .-... | 5 | 230,187 | 4,927 6,519 | 225, 260 | 26,616 | 198,644 | 197,797 | 1 | 14847 |
| Pennsylvania Rhode Island | 3 | 1, 403,587 | 6,519 1,023 | 1,397, 068 |  | 1, 397, 068 | 1, 397,068 |  |  |
| South Dakota | 4 | 132, 002 | 7,353 | 124, 649 | 24,981 | 189,668 | 1889,788 |  |  |
| Tennessee. | 7 | 280, 862 | 14,976 | 265, 886 | 1,723 | 264, 163 | 264.163 |  |  |
| Texas | 4 | 1, 267, 298 | 23, 886 | 1, 243, 412 | 167, 561 | 1, 075, 851 | 1, 075, 851 |  |  |
| Utah | 4 | 92, 950 | 5, 100 1,024 | 87,850 |  | $87,850$ | 87,850 63,300 |  |  |
| Vermont | 5 | 64,324 | 1, 024 | 63, 300 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 63,300 \\ 334.327 \end{array}$ | 63, 300 |  |  |
| Washington | 5 | 341, 023 | 6,044 | 3354, 979 | 25, 282 | 309, 397 | 334,327 309,697 |  |  |
| West Virginia | 5 | 190, 397 |  | 190, 397 | 1,482 | 188, 915 | 188, 915 |  |  |
| Wisconsin |  | 542, 883 | 16.884 | 525, 999 | 41,187 | 484, 812 | 484, 812 |  |  |
| W y yoming of Columhia | 2 | 65,356 139,612 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.980 \\ & 5.586 \end{aligned}$ | 63,376 134,025 | 701 | 63, 376 133.325 | 63,376 133.325 |  |  |
| Total | 153.96 | 21, 406, 636 | 614, 290 | 20, 792, 346 | 1,182,618 | 19, 609, 728 | 19, 504, 621 |  | 105, 107 |

1 An analysis of motor-fuel usage, similar to that given in the right-hand portion of table Motor-Fuel Consumption, 1937, previously issued will be published in a subsequent table.
${ }_{3}^{2}$ No changes in tax rates reported during 1938 . eliminated as far as possible. In cases where States failed to report amounts exempted eliminated as far as possible. In cases where states failed to repo
from taxation, the gross amount taxed is shown in this column.
4 Includes allowances for evaporation and other losses, Federal use, other public use, and nonhighway use, where initial exemptions rather than refunds are made.
and Within 300 feet of Horder, tax is reduced to that of adjacent State. Gallons taved
at 2 cents, $3,787,000$ : at 4 cents, $12,678,000$.
at 2 cents, $3,87,000$ at 4 cents, 12 Motor fuel used in aviation.

[^2]
## STATE MOTOR-FUEL TAX RECEIPTS, 1938

[Compiled for calendar year from reports of State authorities]


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## STATE MOTOR-VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS 1938

[Compiled for calendar year from reports of State authorities ${ }^{1}$ ]

| State | Registered motor vehicles, private and commercial ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  | Other registered vehicles |  | Publicly owned rehicles |  |  |  |  |  | Dealers' registrations and plates? |  | 1937 total registered motor vehicles | Year's change in motor- <br> vehicle registrations |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total motor vehicles | Passenger motor vehicles |  |  | Motor trucks, tractor trucks, etc. |  |  | Federal ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  | State, county, and municipal 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | Automobiles (including taxicabs) | Motor busses ${ }^{3}$ |  | Trailers and semitrailers ${ }^{4}$ | Motor- <br> cycles | Motor vehicles | Trailers and semi-trailers | Motorcycles | Motor rehicles | Trailers and semi-trailers | Motorcycles | Regular regis-trations | Extra sets of plates |  | Increase or deerease | Per. centage change |
| Alabama | 301, 990 | 250, 074 | 243, 745 | 6, 329 | 51,916 | 3, 890 | 816 | 1,992 | 55 | 4 | 3,755 |  | 143 | 2, 781 |  | 313, 359 | -11,369 | -3.6 |
| Arizons | 128, 791 | 105, 793 | 105, 354 | 439 | 22,998 | 4,567 | 452 | 2,374 | 97 | 4 | 2, 054 | 181 | 23 | 1,704 |  | 129, 210 | -419 | . 3 |
| Arkansas | 220, 391 | 167,045 | 166, 687 | 358 | 53, 346 | 10,162 | 517 | 2, 067 | 25 | 1 | 3, 193 | 13 | 31 | 489 |  | 229, 867 | $-9,476$ | -4.1 |
| California | $2,510,867$ \} | 2,213, 152 | 2, 213, 152 | ${ }^{8}$ ) | 297, 715 | 142, 268 | 11, 802 | 7,539 | 276 | 75 | 24, 502 | 1,646 | 1,157 | 4,532 |  | 2, 484, 653 | 26, 214 | 1.1 |
| Colorado | -332, 774 | 277, 860 | 276, 767 | 1,093 | 54.914 | 1,422 | 1,271 | 2,347 | 23 |  |  |  |  | 3, 559 |  | 337, 217 | -4, 443 | -1.3 |
| Connecticu | 440, 335. | 369, 693 | 368, 664 | 1,029 | 70,642 | 5, 356 | 1, 883 | 655 | 6 | 1 | 3,891 | 87 | 294 | 2, 848 | 7,731 | 436, 564 | 3,771 | 9 |
| Delarare | 64, 078 | 53, 559 | 53, 559 | $\left.{ }^{8}\right)$ | 10, 519 | 2,772 | 231 | 312 | 4 |  | 896 | 25 | 62 | 728 |  | 63, 599 | 479 | 8 |
| Florida | 423, 021 | 352,978 | 351, 209 | 1,769 | 70,043 | 17,324 | 1,496 | 1,787 | 25 | 15 | 5, 072 | 317 | 168 | 2. 638 |  | 418, 145 | 4,876 | 1. 2 |
| Georgia | 432, 360 | 359, 204 | 356, 609 | 2, 595 | 73, 156 | 12,684 | 1, 233 | 2,665 | 45 | 33 | 4, 019 | 63 | 138 | 2,164 |  | 441, 847 | -9,487 | -2.1 |
| Idaho | 137, 851 | 109, 716 | 109, 595 | 121 | 28, 135 | 18, 172 | 548 | 1,541 | 80 |  | 1,548 | 89 | 11 | 419 |  | 142,110 | -4,259 | $-3.0$ |
| Illinois | 1,780,865 | 1,565, 202 | 1,565, 202 | (8) | 215, 663 | 23, 073 | 6, 194 | 3,317 | 98 | 19 | 9, 492 | 323 | 654 | 4,199 |  | 1,768,946 | 11,919. | 7 |
| Indian | 922,788 | 795, 118 | 793, 969 | 1,149 | 127,670 | 62, 914 | 4. 543 | 1,631 | 86 | 15 | 6, 169 |  | 195 | 2,467 |  | 956, 016 | -33,228 | $-3.5$ |
| Iow8 | 740, 021 | 650, 534 | 650, 534 |  | 89, 487 | - 87, 447 | 2, 558 | 1, 412 | 22 | 6 | 6, 054 | 357 | 66 | 1,887 |  | 745,602 | -5,581 | $-.7$ |
| Kansas | 573, 985 | 476, 587 | 476, 241 | 346 | 97, 398 | 6,728 | 1, 084 | 1,504 | 61 | 9 |  |  |  | 2, 045 |  | 586, 685 | -12,700 | $-2.2$ |
| Kentuck | 414, 207 | 350, 531 | 349, 940 | 591 | 63, 676 | (10) | 1, 116 | 1,571 | 11 | 109 | 4,325 |  |  | 859 |  | 404, 455 | 9,752 | 2.4 |
| Louisian | 326, 199 | 248, 754 | 248, 287 | 467 | 77, 445 | 14, 586 | 1,020 | 1,827 | 27 | 13 | 4,725 | 380 | 63 | 321 |  | 323, 498 | 2,701 | 8 |
| Maine | 196,690 | 154, 027 | 153,861 | 166 | 42,663 | ${ }^{11} 10,144$ | 834 | 552 | 10 | 5 | 2,087 | 164 | 31. | 735 |  | 200, 907 | -4,217 | $-2.1$ |
| Maryland | 395, 347 | 339,896 | 338, 885 | 1,011 | 55,451 | 4, 208 | 1, 460 | 2, 366 | 61 | 21 |  |  |  | 8,462 |  | 387, 410 | 7,937 | 2. 0 |
| Massachusetts | 843, 789 | 739, 323 | 734, 585 | 4,738 | 104, 466 | 13, 122 | 765 | 2, 717 | 31 | 11 | 12 5, 700 |  |  | 2,981 | 20,315 | 846, 556 | -2,767 | -. 3 |
| Michigan. | 1,408, 835 | 1,269, 894 | 111,269,894 | $\left.{ }^{8}\right)$ | 138,941 | 141,647 | 4, 294 | 2, 542 | 81 | 17 |  |  |  | 1,957 |  | 1,505, 111 | -96, 276 | -6. 4 |
| Minnesota | 821, 241 | 705, 271 | 705,019 | 252 | 115,970 | 31, 033 | 2,226 | 2, 509 | 56 | 10 | 4,790 |  |  |  |  | 822, 598 | $-1,357$ | $-.2$ |
| Mississippi | 215, 195 | 163, 709 | 161, 015 | 2,694 | 51, 486 | 1,771 | 318 | 1,475 | 57 | 1 |  |  |  | 2,380 |  | 226, 286 | -11,091 | -4.9 |
| Missouri | 837, 118 | 703, 457 | 702,941 | 516 | 133, 661 | 33, 368 | 1,792 | 2, 085 | 27 | 6 | 2, 177 |  | 9 | 2,114 |  | 835, 895 | 1,223 | . 1 |
| Montane | 171, 326 | 130, 188 | 130, 188 | (8) | 41, 138 | 2, 953 | 456 | 2,090 | 27 |  | 2, 201 |  |  | 2,986 |  | 173, 892 | -2,566 | $-1.5$ |
| Nebrask | 407, 330 | 342, 275 | 342, 047 | 228 | 65, 055 | 41,294 | 1, 125 | 1, 199 | 14 | 8 | 2,462 |  | 46 | 1,492 |  | 412, 726 | -5, 396 | $-1.3$ |
| Nevada | 38,424 | 30, 889 | 30, 695 | 204 | 7,525 | 1,218 | 109 | 696 | 21 | 2 | 639 | 48 | 8 | 81 | 336 | 40,655 | -2, 231 | -5.5 |
| New Hampshire | 124, 379 | 97,635 | 97,635 | ${ }^{8}$ ) | 26,744 | 4,767 | 896 | 6.55 | 19 | 1 |  |  |  | 556 |  | 125,939 | $-1,560$ | $-1.2$ |
| New Jersey. | 1,000, 684 | 868, 734 | 863, 665 | 5, 069 | 131, 950 | 7,276 | 4,767 | 2,763 | 26 | 14 | 10,477 |  | 545 | 2, 483 |  | 994, 497 | 6, 187 | . 6 |
| New Mexico | 116, 537 | 89, 592 | 89, 123 | 469 | 26, 945 | 2, 575 | 357 | 2, 178 | 67 |  | 911 |  | 41 | 405 |  | 118, 106 | -1,569 | $-1.3$ |
| New York | 2, 584, 123 | 2, 259, 468 | 2, 259, 468 |  | 324,655 | 40,771 | 10,391 | 5, 629 | 49 | 81 | 26, 083 | 881 | 1,036 | 5,381 |  | 2, 561, 703 | 22, 420 | . 9 |
| North Carolina. | 537, 242 | 461, 141 | 460,298 | 843 | 76, 101 | 42, 317 | 1,705 | 2, 181 | 42 | 3 | 11,671 |  |  | 8,529 |  | 525,350 | 11,892 | 2.3 |
| North Dakota | 174, 256 | 141, 195 | 141, 111 | 84 | 33, 061 | 849 | -296 | 788 | 12 |  | 699 |  |  | 585 | 522 | 173, 188 | 1,068 | 6 |
| Ohio. | 1,870, 249 | 1, 686, 555 | 1,686,555 | (8) | 183, 694 | 105, 249 | 9, 073 | 2, 476 | 85 | 6 | 18, 768 | 1,125 | 576 | 4, 054 | 18,445 | 1,876, 132 | $-5,88: 3$ | -. 3 |
| Oklahoma | 535, 399 | 441, 184 | 438, 979 | 2,205 | 94, 215 | 36,498 | 1,090 | 2, 435 | 42 | 14 | 6, 719 |  |  | 3, 733 |  | 547, 263 | -11.864 | -2. 2 |
| Oregon. | 357, 321 | 297, 492 | 296, 837 | 655 | 59,829 | ${ }^{8}$ ) | 1,531 | 2,821 | 33 | 4 | 4, 071 |  |  | 653 | 838 | 360, 348 | -3, 027 | -. 8 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,976, 466 | 1,730, 893 | 1, 725, 674 | 5. 219 | 245, 573 | 26, 225 | 10,561 | 3, 983 | 123 | 24 | 17,800 | 463 | 1,226 | 29,614 |  | 1,984, 821 | -8,355 | -. 4 |
| Rhode Island... | 168.888 | 149,634 | 149, 223 | 411 | 19, 254 | 631 | - 704 | -460 | 16 | 1 | 1,409 | 23 | - 105 | 388 |  | 167, 586 | 1, 302 |  |
| South Carolina.- | 287, 913 | 246, 585 | 245, 117 | 1,468 | 41,328 | 5,396 | 1,011 | 1,570 | 14 | 5 | 4,468 |  | 146 | 792 | 1,586 | 296, 224 | -8,311 | $-2.8$ |
| South Dakota | 180, 632 | 152, 138 | 152, 040 | 98 | 28, 494. | 19,080 | 436 | 1,241 | 17 | 2 | 1,132 | 152 | 12 | 709 |  | 184, 743 | -4,111 | -2. 2 |
| Tennessee | 398, 624 | 337, 584 | 336, 900 | 684 | 61, 040 | (8) | 1,502 | 2, 168 | 45 | 2 | 7, 105 |  |  | 582 |  | 400, 384 | -1,760 | -. 4 |
| Texas | 1,548, 343 | 1,231, 424 | 1,230,548 | 876 | 316, 919 | 50,944 | 3,980 | 5,368 | 148 | 75 | 15,905 | 1,193 | 378 | 3,307 |  | 1,552, 114 | $-3,771$ | -. 2 |
| Utah. | 127, 004 | 107, 038 | 106, 373 | 665 | 19,966 | 569 | 428 | 1,758 | 56 | 10 | 1,378 | 64 | 46 | 385 |  | 126, 692 | 312 | 2 |
| Vermont | 87, 402 | 78,360 | 78, 265 | 95 | 189,042 | 1,853 | 450 | 648 | 14 |  |  |  |  | 602 |  | 88, 858 | -1,556 | $-1.7$ |
| Virginia. | 441, 462 | 373, 896 | 373, 896 |  | 67, 566 | 9,350 | 1,743 | 3,231 | 217 | 52 | 5, 470 | 165 | 183 | 5,268 |  | 440, 713 | 749 |  |
| Washington-- | 523, 328 | 440, 128 | 439, 328 | 800 | 83, 200 | 17,826 | 2,025 | 3, 215 | 77 | 27 | 6,950 | 336 | 164 | 1,503 | 3,291 | 535,483 | -12, 155 | $-2.3$ |
| West Virginia. | 275, 691 | 230,637 | 230, 024 | 613 | 45, 054 | 3,058 | 1,212 | 1,188 | 6 |  | 5,109 | 148 | 70 | 10.209 |  | 290,837 | $-15,146$ | $-5.2$ |
| Wisconsin. | 840, 291 | 703, 807 | 703, 227 | 580 | 136, 484 | 5, 047 | 3,346 | 2, 300 | 39 | 5 | 8,546 | 204 | 360 | 2, 428 |  | 854,374 | -14, 083 | $-1.6$ |
| W yoming....-.- | 80,765 | 63, 176 | 63, 176 |  | 17,589 | 10,209 | 272 | 1,300 | 26 |  | 681 | 5 |  | 368 |  | 81,837 | -1,072 | $-1.3$ |
| District of Columbia. <br> At large. | 162, 863 | 148,614 | 147, 495 | 1.119 | 14,249 | 809 | 622 | 1,262 5,371 | 20 45 | 62 10 | 102,366 | 106 | 94 | 2,308 |  | 184, 119 | -21,256 | -11.5 |
| Total | 29, 485, 680 | 25, 261, 649 | 25, 213, 601 | 48,048 | 4, 224, 031 | 1, 085, 422 | 108,541 | 109,716 | 2, 564 | 799 | 257, 469 | 8,610 | 8,081 | 139,681 | 53, 064 | 29, 705, 220 | $-219,540$ | $-.7$ |

[^5]Some States give State-owned rehicles only; others exclude certain classes from registration, such as fire apparatus and police vehicles,
${ }^{9}$ Figures include new-car, used-car, and motorcycle dealer registrations and some wrecker and repairer registrations. Data on dealers' extra plates are incomplete, although they are apparently included with dealer registrations in some States. § Included with motor trucks.

## - Includes 63,000 light trailers registered without charge.

${ }_{10}$ Trailers of 1,000 pounds capacity or more prohibited on highways, although permitted in cities under city licenses. Tractor-semitrailers registered as motor trucks. Light trailers permitted but not registered.
${ }^{11}$ Includes light trailers and commercial semitrailers. Commercial full trailers included with motor trucks
${ }_{12} \mathrm{Of}$ these vehicles approximately 1,700 are also included with private and commercial registrations.
14 License year changed to Nov. 1 during 1938. Registrations recorded on this table are for 10 -month period through Oct. 1938 . Registrations for 1939 in Nov. and Dec. 1938 were: Automobiles, 150,822; motor busses, 1,367; motor trucks, 41,012; total motor vehicles, 193,201.

Trucks under 1,500 pounds capacity included with passenger cars
${ }^{16}$ Includes 405 automobiles of the diplomatic corps.

## STATE MOTOR-VEHICLE RECEIPTS, 1938

[Compiled for calendar year from reports of State authorities


[^6]${ }^{6}$ Registration fees include proceeds of State "vehicle license fees", $\$ 10,854,000, \mathrm{im}$ posed in addition to the regular registration fees of $\$ 11,244,000$.
${ }^{7}$ Included with motor-truck fees.
${ }^{8}$ Fees of 23,978 light trucks included with those of passenger vehicles Trailers of 1,000 pounds capacity or more prohibited on highways, although permitted in cities under city licenses. Tractor-semitrailers registered as motor trucks Light trailers permitted but not registered.
trailers included with those of motor truckitrailers only. Fees of commercialffull trailers included with those of motor trucks.

Fees of taxicabs included with those of motor trucks.
License year changed to Nov. 1 during 1938. Receipts recorded in this table are for calendar year and include fees for 1939 registrations received from Oct. I through for calendar year and include fees for 1939 registrations received from Oct. I through
Dec. 31. ${ }_{13}$ Reg.
record. Figures fees are collected by counties and State does not maintain complete record. Figures given are estimates supplied by State.

[^7]${ }_{15}$ Included with motor-vehicle registration fees
10 Fees of trucks under 1,500 pounds capacity included with those of passenger cars
17 Totals of columns for which full classified data were not available for all States

## STATE MOTOR-CARRIER TAX RECEIPTS,1938

[Compiled for calendar year from reports of State authorities]

| State | Proceeds of State imposts on motor vehicles operated for hire and other motor carriers 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Gros -receipts taxes ? | Mileage, tonmile, and passengermile taxes | Special license fees and franchise taxes ${ }^{3}$ |  | Certificate or permit fees ${ }^{3}$ | Caravan taxes | Miscellaneousreceipts |  |
|  |  |  | On weight or capacity basis | On flat rate basis |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 1.000 dollars | 1,050 dollars | 1,090 dollars | 1,000 dollars | 1,000 dollars 6 | 1,000 dollars | 1,000 dollars | 1,000 dollars 201 |
| Arizona-.. | 146 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 166 |
| Arkansas Cal - |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| Colorado.-. | 2, 595 | 583 |  | 83 | 11 | 57 |  | 2,735 |
| Connecticut | 233 | 283 |  |  | 11 |  |  |  |
| Florida.... |  | 272 |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| Georgia. |  | 4 |  | 67 | 3 |  |  | 74 |
| Idaho Illinois $\qquad$ | 24 |  | 46 |  | 1 | 9 |  |  |
| Indiana--- |  |  | 619 | 138 | 10 |  |  | 76. |
| Iowa..... |  | 473 |  | 64 |  |  |  | 537 |
| Kansas.- |  | 1. 152 |  |  | 15 |  |  | 1,167 |
| Kentucky ---. <br> Louisiana |  | 273 |  |  | 39 |  |  | 330 |
| Maine .-...- |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| Maryland ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - |  |  |  | 84 |  |  |  |  |
| Michigan |  | 427 |  | 84 | 11 |  | ${ }^{3} 4$ | 99 427 |
| Minnesota-- |  |  |  |  | 40 |  |  | 10 |
| Mississippi. <br> Missouri. |  | 44 | 73 492 |  | 6 |  | 6 | 129 492 |
| Montana- | $20^{\circ}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 42 |
| Nebraska.. |  |  |  | 24 | 23 |  |  | 47 |
| Nevada. <br> New Hampshire |  |  | 152 | 38 3 |  | 3 |  | 193 |
| New Jersey ....... |  | 74 |  |  |  |  |  | 74 |
| New Mexico. |  | 174 |  |  | 3 |  |  | 177 |
| New York :- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Carolina | 253 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 253 |
| North Dakota-.-. |  | 3 |  |  | 13 |  | 1 | 17 |
| Oklahoma.... |  | 1, 4.5 | 409 |  | 8 |  |  | 469 |
| Oregon-- |  | 504 |  | 248 |  |  | 25 | 1,069 |
| Pennsylvania. | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rhode Island.- |  |  |  | 9 | 1 |  |  | 10 |
| South Carolina- |  | 80 12 | 147 |  |  |  | 53 | 230 |
| Tennessee.- |  | 338 |  |  | 2 |  |  | 398 |
| Texas........ |  |  |  | 100 | 8 |  |  | 108 |
| tah |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Virginia - | 218 |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |
| Washington | 16 |  | 117 | 19 | 37 |  |  | 189 |
| Wisconsin -. |  | 334 | 1,246 |  |  |  | 3 | 79 |
| W yoming. ${ }^{\text {District of Columbia }}$ |  | 181 |  |  | 25 | 14 |  | -220 |
|  |  | 114 |  | 102 |  |  |  | 216 |
| Total | 3,886 | 6,781 | 3, 862 | 998 | 746 | 83 | 65 | 16, 421 |

[^8]weight or capacity taxes and taxes imposed at a flat rate per vehicle are included under special license fees and franchise taxes, application or filing fees required for the issuance of certificates of conrenience and necessity to common carriers and corresponding permits to contract and other motor carriers are included under certificate or permit fees

No special taxes on motor carriers reported
Motor-carrier drivers' licenses.
Ton-mile and passenger-mile taves paid by motor carriers in lieu of registration ces included in table, State Motor-V ehicle Receipts, 1938
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## MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

No. 296MP. . Bibliography on Highway Safety.
House Document No. 272 . . . Toll Roads and Free Roads.

## SEPARATE REPRINT FROM THE YEARBOOK

No. 1036Y . . Road Work on Farm Outlets Needs Skill and Right Equipment.

## TRANSPORTATION SURVEY REPORTS

Report of a Survey of Transportation on the State Highway System of Ohio (1927).
Report of a Survey of Transportation on the State Highways of Vermont (1927).
Report of a Survey of Transportation on the State Highways of New Hampshire (1927).
Report of a Plan of Highway Improvement in the Regional Area of Cleveland, Ohio (1928).
Report of a Survey of Transportation on the State Highways of Pennsylvania (1928).
Report of a Survey of Traffic on the Federal-Aid Highway Systems of Eleven Western States (1930).

## UNIFORM VEHICLE CODE

Act I.-Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Registration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act.
Act II.-Uniform Motor Vehicle Operators' and Chauffeurs' License Act.
Act III.-Uniform Motor Vehicle Civil Liability Act.
Act IV.-Uniform Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.
Act V.-Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways.
Model Traffic Ordinances.

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[^0]:    ${ }_{1}$ Results average of 5 tests except as noted.
    2 Based on total water in specimens after molding.
    3 The relative efficiency based on strength was computed for each test separately from the strength of the ideally cured specimens and the specimens given no curing
    treatment in that test, and the average of these values is the relative efficiency shown.

[^1]:    - Arerage of 2 tests.

    5 Average of 3 tests

    - Mixing water contained 2 percent calcium chloride.

[^2]:    ${ }^{7}$ Represents evaporation or loss allowance under 5 -cent tax not allowed under additional 2 -cent tax, which is administered under a separate law.
    83 cents per gallon refunded on nonhighway uses
    83 cents per gallon refunded on nonhighway uses. clusively in cities.
    $1111 / 2$ cents per gallon refunded on motor fuel used in
    12 Diesel oil taxed at 71 ह cents per gallon.
    ${ }_{13}$ Amounts given do not include $66,240,000$ gallons of liquid fuel (kerosene, fuel oil, etc.) taxed at I cent per gallon but not subject to the 3 -cent tax on motor-vehicle fuel! is 4 cents per gallon refunded on motor fuel used in aviation.
    15 Weighted average rate.

[^3]:    INo changes in tax rates reported during 1938.
    ${ }^{2}$ The indicated States make allowances to distributors for expense of collecting the tax. In Kentucky, South Dakota, and Utah allowances of 24,4, 4, and 3 percent, respectively, of the tax otherwise due are made in consideration of both expense of collection and gallonage losses in handling. In these States the allowances for expenses only have been estimated as 1,2 , and $1+2$ percent, respectivery
    ${ }^{3}$ Fees for inspection of motor-vehicle fuel. Wherever possible, fees for inspection of kerosene and other nonmotor-vehicle fuels have been eliminated.
    includes fees for motor-fuel carrier permits, refund or exemption permits, and miscellaneous unclassified receipts.

[^4]:    $s$ Receipts from tax on lubricating oil, $\$ 784,000$, not included in this table
    ${ }^{\text {Special }}$ county taxes of 3 cents per gallon in Hancock County and 2 cents per gallon in Harrison County, amounting to $\$ 163,000$ in 1938, are imposed for sea-wal protection and are not included in this table

    Ohio imposes a 3-cent tax on motor-vehicle fuel and a 1 -cent tax on all liquid fuels. The receipts from the 1 -cent tax applicable to nonmotor-vehicle fuels (kero sene, fuel oil, etc.) were $\$ 633,000$. These receipts have been eliminated from the tota given, which represents a 4 -cent tax on motor-vehicle fucl.
    ${ }^{3}$ Weighted average rate

[^5]:    \& Registration periods ending not earlier than Nov. 30 and not later than Jan. 31 are considered calendar-year periods. In those States where the registration period is definitely removed from the calendar year, registration figures were obtained for the calendar-year period.
    : Wherever possible publicly owned vehicles and vehicles not for highway use have been eliminated from these columns.
    i A complete segregation of motor busses from other vehicles is not available. The figures giren represent common-carrier busses in most cases, although in some States contract busses and contract school busses are included. In some cases city busses are not included. Where no busess are tabulated, they are included with automobiles, unless otherwise noted.
    4 Figures for trailers and semitrailers are as reported. Apparent inconsistencies are due to the fact that some States require the registration of tourist trailers, light work trailers, and similar vehicles, whereas other States register only freight-carrying trailers and semitrailers.
    ${ }^{\circ}$ Data on Federal vehicles obtained through agency of Procurement Dirision, Department of the Treasury
    State, county, and municipal vehicles are included with private and commercial shire, and Vermont. An unknown number of Federal vehicles are included in the figures for Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, New York, a" aVirginia.

[^6]:    Receipts for registration periods ending not earlier than Nov. 30 and not later than Jan. 31 are considered calendar-year receipts. In those States where the registration period is definitely removed from the calendar year, registration receipts were obained for the calendar-year period.
    ${ }^{2}$ Segregation of registration fees by type of vehicle was not available for Alabama, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Tennessee, and the District of Columbia. Total motor-vehicle registration fees in those States include trailer and motorcycle fees, except in New Hampshire, for which motorcycle fees were reported separately ealers license fees
    ${ }^{3}$ The motor-bus registration fees are incomplete (see footnote 3 of preceding table) Where no fees are tabulated, the fees of busses are included with those of automoWhere no fees are tabulated,
    biles, unless otherwise noted.
    biles, unless otherwise noted. gated and entered in this column. Receipts from a 2 -percent motor-vehicle excise gated and entered in this column. Receipts from a 2 -percent motor-vehicle excise
    tax in Oklahoma, imposed as part of a general sales tax, are not included in this table. Proceeds of this tax were $\$ 1,104,000$ in 1938 .
    in many States county or local officers are allowed service charges for issuing registrations, operators' licenses, etc. In the majority of cases these charges are inregistrations, operators licenses, etc. In the majority of cases these charges are inmates of service charges collected and retained by loral officials and not reported elsewhere in the table.

[^7]:    14 Included with fees of automobiles.

[^8]:    ${ }^{1}$ Complete classification of motor-carrier tax receipts is not available in all States The classified receipts, in some cases, include miscellaneous small receipts not class ified

    Numerous states impose taxes on the gross receipts of motor carriers in connection with general State sales taxes or taxes on all transportation companies or public utili ties. This column includes only the proceeds of gross-receipts taves reported by the States as special taxes on motor carriers.
    ${ }^{3}$ It is often difficult to make a distinction between the 3 classes of receipts listed in the third, fourth, and fifth columns of figures. In general, the proceeds of special

