Concrete Building Shows Increase

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handling on deliveries a perfect building unit is available. It is pointed out that the joints should be well sealed by the mason for a perfect job, and construction details of above-grade block construction are available in Facts About Concrete Masonry, published by the National Concrete Masonry Association and available through the Portland Cement Association, 1528 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

These concrete blocks which have filled a need for a high-grade building unit of this type are sold through all the principal lumber companies, such as Friel Lumber Co., Queenstown, E. S. Adkins, Easton, Chestertown, and Centreville, R. B. Dixon, Easton, Cambridge Manufacturing Co., Howeth Lumber Co., Wittman; Jesse of St. Michaels, and the Church Hill Lumber Co., or direct.

Considerable new equipment has been added at the Gravel Washing Plant which is now in operation again, including a new dredge, two new overhead bins giving a total overhead bin capacity of 200 tons, and other improvements. Production can now take care of all local orders, and a grade of small washed stone which it is claimed makes ideal concrete, is also available at a popular price.

It may be remembered that on July 3rd the original frame shed at the block plant was burned down, leaving the curing rooms of gravel block construction standing. Blocks were produced again with a temporary set-up within two weeks after this fire and during the construction of the new building which was made of cinder block. A production of 500-600 a day is maintained the year round, a chemical being added to the mix during the winter which, with the steam curing, prevents the possibility of freezing. During periods of increased building, as now, extra men are added to increase this production to 1,000 daily. The steam curing room capacity of 1,000 block takes care of this production.

RESTORATION OF 'CLIFTON' MANOR HOUSE UNDER WAY IN SOMERSET

Princess Anne, Md.—The restoration of Clifton, one of Somerset county's oldest manor houses, is being completed under the supervision of Merrill Liedlick, of Wilmington.

Clifton was purchased in November by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carpenter, Wilmington, from William Woodward Baldwin, North Tarrytown, N. Y., for the reported price of $40,000.

Magnetizing Iron

An iron rod becomes longer when it is magnetized. Such a rod laid round the earth at the equator, with its ends touching, would overlap by 183 feet when magnetibed.

IT'S TRUE!

By Wiley Padan

New York, N. Y.—"IT'S TRUE! that Rosalind Russell learned to ski on the Jungfrau in Europe," says Wiley Padan . . . Robert Montgomery owns a Labrador hound named 'Skeeball' . . . The flashy car that Bob wrecks in 'Fast and Loose', M-G-M's new type of detective thriller, once belonged to Princess Baba . . . Reginald Owen, who created the immortal character of Scrooge in the film version of 'A Christmas Carol' adds to his wide range of characterization, as a broker in 'Fast and Loose'."

TO HEAD VIRGINIA CONSERVATION BODY

Richmond.—Clarence Smith, attorney of Tazewell, was appointed chairman of the Virginia Conservation Commission by Governor Price. He will assume office March 1, succeeding W. C. Hall, of Leesburg.

GIFTS TO BOY SCOUT FUND REACHES $7,800

Contribution of $7,800 to Boy Scout work on the Eastern Shore peninsula was announced at a recent appreciation dinner held at Denton.

More money was in sight to bring the goal of $8,000 set in the drive for funds.

Speakers at the dinner were Charles Gantt, Wilmington, Del. Dr. Gilbert Mead, president of Washington College, Chestertown; Kenneth Spear, Wilmington, and John Noble, of Preston.

THIEVES TAKE 'PHONES IN ST. MICHAELS PLANTS

The Sheriff's office here this week was faced with a new wrinkle in telephone thievery at St. Michaels, where pay-station telephones in three oyster-packing houses had been removed from the walls and made away with.

According to Sheriff Scott and Deputy Malcolm Aikenhead, the thieves have removed pay-station 'phones from three packing houses within the last week or two. The last robbery, reported early Monday morning, occurred apparently sometime during the week-end at Caulk's packing house.

No trace of the 'phones had been found early this week. It is believed the thieves disposed of the 'phones in the river after robbing them of their contents.

From available data, the indications are that corn acreage in Maryland will be about the same in 1939 as in 1938, according to the Agricultural Outlook for the year.

Kansas never had a volcano. Yet Kansas supplies more volcanic ash than any other state or territory. The ash is used for scouring soaps, tooth powder, abrasives, etc.

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