INDUSTRY NEWS

Genstar Costain Strengthens North American Position

Genstar Costain, Calgary, Alberta, has announced the opening of a permanent office near Washington, D.C. The new office is intended to provide a base from which to develop the company's expanding business opportunities in the United States.

In making the announcement, **John White,** president of both Genstar Costain Tie Co., Ltd, Canada, and Genstar Costain Tie Company, U.S., said that establishing a permanent presence in the United States has been a corporate goal for a number of years. Accordingly, a number of organizational changes have been announced to consolidate operations in Canada and support increased business activities in the United States.

The head office for the Canadian company will be moved from Calgary to Edmonton, the location of the company's tie manufacturing plant. Also, an executive office will be established in Montreal.

In addition, a modular concrete tie manufacturing plant will be put into operation in early 1986. This facility will enable the company to produce concrete ties on site, thus reducing transportation costs for its main product line.

Concurrent with the company's organizational changes, the following personnel changes have also been announced:

Derek Firth, currently vice president of operations in Edmonton, will transfer to the Washington office and become vice president in charge of U.S. market development and engineering. **Russ Skrypchuk,** manager of finance and administration for both

New Appointments to PCI Technical Committees

The following individuals have recently accepted appointments to PCI Technical Committees. We appreciate their interest and voluntary participation.

- *Committee on High Strength Concrete*
  Robert W. LaFraugh
  ABAM Engineers Inc.
  Federal Way, Washington
  Bruce A. Suprenant
  The University of Wyoming
  Laramie, Wyoming
  Henry G. Russell
  Portland Cement Association
  Skokie, Illinois
- *PCI Committee on Quality Control Performance Criteria*
  Robert Dyck
  Genstar Structures Limited
  Calgary, Alberta, Canada
  Gregory J. Gear
  Prestressed Concrete Operations
  Champion International Corp.
  Iowa Falls, Iowa
  Arvind R. Vora
  Walker Parking Consultants
  Kalamazoo, Michigan
- *PCI Committee on Precast Sandwich Wall Panels*
  Forrest J. Russell
  Breeko Industries, Inc.
  Nashville, Tennessee
  Thomas J. D'Arcy
  The Consulting Engineers Group, Inc.
  San Antonio, Texas
- *PCI Seismic Committee*
  Gene Stevens
  Denver, Colorado

HARRY H. EDWARDS (1912-1985)

Harry H. Edwards, one of the early pioneers in the development of prestressed concrete in the United States, died recently from a heart attack. He was 73.

Mr. Edwards was president of Leap Associates of Lakeland, Florida for more than 30 years. The literature he developed under the Leap trademark to promote prestressed concrete was widely distributed and for many years, was the only information available on this construction product. His promotion of the double tee made it a standard product for the industry and as time went on, he worked to promote other structural members as industry standards.

Harry H. Edwards

As one of the founders of the Prestressed Concrete Institute, Mr. Edwards served as PCI's first Secretary-Treasurer from 1954-1956 and was responsible for authoring the Institute's first specifications for prestressed concrete. In addition, he influenced the other founders to open the Institute to professional members.

Harry H. Edwards conducting one of the many Florida seminars on prestressed concrete. These popular seminars were sponsored by Leap Associates.

Mr. Edwards' dedication to the Institute and to the prestressed concrete industry earned him PCI's highest honor, the Medal of Honor. This award has been given to only eight people in the Institute's history.

Perhaps the most fitting legacy to his life's accomplishments can be found in the article he authored "The Innovators of Prestressed Concrete in Florida," published in the September-October and November-December 1978 issues of the PCI JOURNAL and later collectively published in *Reflections on the Beginnings of Prestressed Concrete in America.*

In his honor, an H. H. Edwards Scholarship Fund has been established at the University of Florida at Gainesville. Donations can be made to the University of Florida Foundation, Inc., % H. H. Edwards Scholarship Fund, College of Engineering, University of Florida, 325 Weil Hall, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

Arthur R. Anderson

Ben C. Gerwick

Hans von Gunten

the Canadian and U.S. companies will also relocate to the U.S. office.

Howard Wildgrube, plant manager in Edmonton for the last five years, has been appointed regional operations manager and will continue to be based in Edmonton. As president of both companies, John White will be traveling between both the Montreal and Edmonton offices and the office in Washington, D.C.

Past PCI Presidents Receive ASCE Honorary Membership

Arthur R. Anderson and **Ben C. Gerwick Jr.,** Past PCI Presidents in 1971 and 1958, respectively, have both received honorary membership from the American Society of Civil Engineers. They were among 12 individuals chosen for ASCE's highest award.

Dr. Anderson, of Concrete Technology Corporation in Tacoma, Washington, was cited by the Society for his contributions in reinforced and prestressed concrete structures. Professor Gerwick, University of California—Berkeley, was cited for his innovations in prestressed concrete, cofferdams, and marine construction.

IABSE Elects New President

Professor **Hans von Gunten** has been elected president of the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering at the Association's annual meeting in Luxembourg.

Prof. von Gunten received both his BS and MS degrees in civil engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich), and before being elected professor at ETH Zurich, he was principal of his own engineering firm.

In addition to teaching structural analysis and design to architecture students, Prof. von Gunten has held the offices of chairman of the Department of Architecture and director of the Institute for Research in Building Technology.

He has been instrumental in developing programs within the IABSE and Swiss Society of Engineers and Architects (SIA). Prof. von Gunten was elected rector of ETH Zurich in 1983.

International Bridge Conference Issues Call For Papers

The Third International Bridge Conference, sponsored by the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania and the Prestressed Concrete Institute, has issued a call for papers. The conference is scheduled to be held June 2-4, 1986 and is intended to encourage and promote the interchange of information, procedures, and techniques related to bridge projects between owners, researchers, practicing engineers, suppliers, and contractors.

As such, the conference is seeking pa-

pers on the following topics: financing approaches for construction and rehabilitation; current international perspectives; protection systems for steel and concrete; bearings, joints, and expansion dams; load testing and instrumentation systems; inspection programs; construction techniques and planning; traffic control; cost and schedule impacts; application of CADD; and durability enhancement.

Interested individuals are urged to submit 250-500 word abstracts by December 1, 1985 to International Bridge Conference, % Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania, 530 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219. Conference papers will be selected on the basis of abstracts and authors will be notified on paper selections by January 2, 1986.

Gyp-Crete Names Johnson Marketing Director

James R. Johnson has assumed the responsibilities of director of marketing for Gyp-Crete Corporation, Hamel, Minnesota. In his new position, Mr. Johnson will direct corporate advertising strategy, market research, and long-term corporate planning. He will also be involved with research and development of new product lines and communications programs.

Mr. Johnson has 10 years of experience in technical development and marketing of building products. Before joining Gyp-Crete, he served with the Conklin Company of Shakopee, Minnesota as national marketing director.

VJTI Celebrates Centennial

The Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay, India will be celebrating its centennial during 1987-88. As part of the celebration preparations, the institute will be preparing a directory of all alumni as well as a full program of centenary celebrations.

Alumni are urged to send the following information to the Institute for inclusion in the directory: present position and name of firm, current address, number of years at VJTI, degree or diploma earned, and the year of graduation.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Alumni Office, VJTI, Matunga, Bombay, India 400 019 or Gajanan M. Sabnis, 13721 Townline Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906.

California DOT Names Watson District Director

Donald L. Watson, a 27-year Caltrans veteran engineer, was named Caltrans district director in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Watson most recently headed the division of highways and programming in Sacramento, where he was responsible for assembling the department's $12.7 billion, five-year building program and was the department's spokesman on transportation policy before the California Transportation Commission.

Mr. Watson began his career with Caltrans in 1953 in Los Angeles where he worked on planning, design and construction of many L.A. freeways. Prior to that, he worked for the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

Wirtanen, Clark, Larsen Opens New Branch Office

The architectural firm of Wirtanen, Clark, Larsen, Architects has recently opened a branch office in Mesa, Arizona. Located at 1811 South Alma School Road, Suite 160, the office will cover the western United States, particularly Arizona, California, Nevada, and New Mexico.

Concrete Technology Corporation Announces Organizational Changes

Concrete Technology Corporation, Tacoma, Washington, has completed a series of organizational changes to create two separate corporate operating divisions: a products division and an offshore construction/consulting division. According to company president **Charles H. Knight**

Jr., the changes will enable the company to meet intensified competition.

The new offshore division is headed by senior vice president **John S. Priedeman** who has overall responsibility for developing business opportunities for offshore floating structures and for consulting assistance related to new precast prestressed concrete plants in both overseas and domestic areas.

The new products division is responsible for maintaining the company's position in the traditional precast prestressed concrete marketplace. To meet this goal, the following management assignments have been made:

Karl J. Anderson to vice president and manager of quality assurance. Mr. Anderson has overall responsibility for the company's quality assurance program, including the development of programs to minimize the occurrence of production and field problems. In addition, he is responsible for reviewing the products division's facilities and procedures and developing plans to improve operation effectiveness.

Lawrence M. Christiansen to director of finance and administration. Mr. Christiansen has overall responsibility for financial control and reporting activities, and for central administrative services including personnel management and secretarial and reception services.

Dennis L. Merwood to director, Project Management Department. Mr. Merwood has responsibility for project management activities such as production drafting, project scheduling, and field operations associated with specific projects.

Lawrence P. Norton to director, Marketing Department. Mr. Norton is respon-

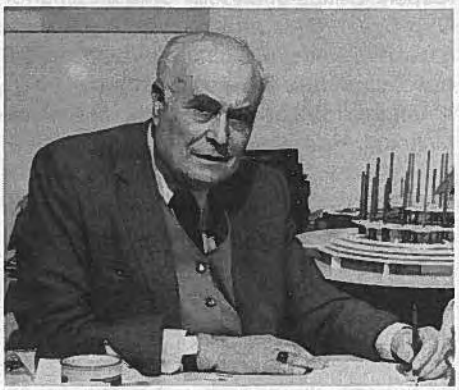
George Laszlo (1914-1985)

George Laszlo, one-time chairman of PCI's Committee on Prestressed Concrete Columns, died recently at age 71.

Mr. Laszlo graduated from the Joseph Nader Technical University of Hungary in 1937 and worked in a variety of jobs with increasing responsibility from 1937 to 1957 in highways, water supply, and structural design. By 1953 he had become chief engineer of a prefabricating factory in Budapest.

He moved to Canada in 1957 and joined the Canadian Pacific Railway Merchandise Services as assistant engineer. He stayed with the company until he became a professional engineer in 1960. For the next 10 years he worked in the design field for the railway as well as with a consulting engineering company.

Mr. Laszlo received his masters degree from the University of British Columbia in 1966 and in 1970 joined Wright Engineers. He was also a consultant to Bogue Babicki & Associates Ltd.



George Laszlo

Mr. Laszlo was a member of many professional organizations including the Association of Professional Engineers, British Columbia, the Prestressed Concrete Institute, the Engineering Institute of Canada, and the American Concrete Institute.

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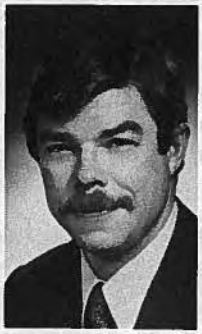

Karl J. Anderson

sible for marketing activities including estimating and sales, public relations, and long-term market development.

Johan Oye to director, Engineering Services Department. Mr. Oye had overall responsibility for engineering services activities such as preparation of engineering standards, design-construction proposals, product design, and coordination of project design activities including subcontracting for design services. In addition, he is responsible for coordinating the company's research and development activities.

James Rodgers to director, Production Department. Mr. Rodgers has responsibility for production and plant operations including production facilities development.

RILEM Symposium Seeks Paper Contributions

The International Union of Research and Testing Laboratories in Materials and Structures will hold its fourth symposium at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois during August 26-29, 1986. Sponsored by the United States National Science Foundation and co-sponsored by the American Concrete Institute, the symposium will deal with material models as well as structural analysis of creep and shrinkage, including numerical computer analysis and finite elements.

The symposium is dedicated to the memory of Robert L'Hermite and is open to RILEM members and non-members. Advance registration is necessary due to the symposium's format. Cost is $150 for members and $170 for non-members.

Individuals interested in submitting abstracts or registering for the symposium are urged to contact symposium chairman Prof. Z. P. Bazant, Director, Center for Concrete and Geomaterials, Tech 2410, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

Master Builders Announces Personnel Changes

Master Builders, Cleveland, Ohio, has announced the appointments of **J. Craig Williams** to vice president-international; **Joseph T. Deckman** to vice president-manufacturing; **Jeffrey Truax** to director-quality control; and **William DeMarco** to director-production.

The exchange of positions between Mr. Deckman, formerly vice president-international, and Mr. Williams, formerly vice president-manufacturing, is designed to expand the backgrounds of both individuals. Mr. Williams will now manage Master Builders Exports and operations in the Caribbean, as well as develop programs to support the international companies in the areas of marketing, product development, quality control, and new product research. Mr. Deckman will be assuming the responsibility of coordinating new product lines and technology for developing new manufacturing facilities.

Jeffrey Truax will assume responsibility for both domestic and international quality control operations, as well as continue to be involved with statistical quality control, formula administration, research data analysis, and computer support.

Mr. DeMarco will be responsible for all U.S. and Canadian manufacturing operations and headquarters production support staff. His efforts will focus on environmental issues and continued exploration of improved methods for production efficiency.

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