

like a lawyer or doctor. I would not hazard a guess on how much you would actually make per month, but I would say that it certainly would be a good rate of pay. Further, there will be no lay-offs in safety work here. I estimate that one thousand safety engineers could be permanently employed here without creating an oversupply, due to the need for public and industrial safety. Third, the work is interesting and you will enjoy a position in the community where you will be called upon to make personal and radio talks, write for publication, and be sought after for specialized information. I hope that this does not place too much emphasis on one's ego, but I am sure that you all want to be respected members of the community. Following a high calling like safety, you will be guaranteed this respect.

Other Chambers of Commerce

The Manila Chamber Of Commerce

At the beginning of 1948, the Manila Chamber of Commerce was still in course of reorganization and the work of the Chamber was done in the office of the President, Mr. S. Crawford, and generally by Mr. Crawford himself. Arrangements had, however, been made to allow the former Adviser and Acting Secretary, Mr. T. Harrington, to return to Manila to resume his position, and shortly after his return, in February, the Chamber office at 409 Chaco Building was opened.

Two new member firms were elected during the year and another former member firm rejoined, the total membership now consisting of 51 firms, as against 65 before the war.

Officers of the Chamber have been in touch with the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines and with the American Chamber of Commerce in connection with matters of common interest. It is believed that the interests of the business community engaged in foreign trade will be served by such friendly contact and, when necessary, by consultation and cooperation with the other chambers of commerce here.

In connection with the Government's legislative program during the year, protests and suggestions were addressed in five instances to President Quirino and also in five cases to committees of the Congress, while eight letters were sent to other Government authorities mainly in connection with the Import Control Law. The Chamber was also represented at the hearings held by the Import Control Board.

Over 300 trade inquiries were received and answered during the year.

The General Committee of the Chamber for 1949 is made up as follows:

President — S. Crawford (The Shell Co., of P.I. Ltd.)

Vice-President — O. Schulthess (F. E. Zuellig, Inc.)

Committee on Banking — Messrs. Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China

" Exports — " Hanson, Orth & Stevenson, Inc.
" Warner, Barnes & Co., Ltd.

" Imports — " Ker & Co., Ltd.
" Ed. A. Keller & Co., Ltd.

" Industries — " Philippine Match Co., Ltd.
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" Insurance — " Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

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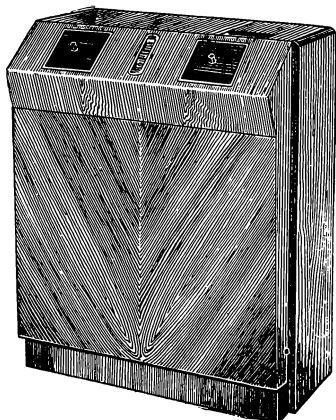


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" Membership	— Connell Bros. Co. (Phil.)
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in the Philippines

By F. C. TURNER, *Division Engineer*

IN 1945 highway engineer officers from the Army and the Navy made an inventory of wartime damage to the Philippine highway system. Their inventory disclosed that of 1,741 permanent bridges 621 had been destroyed or badly damaged and that 3,000 of the 6,352 wooden bridges would have to be replaced, either because they had been destroyed or because of deterioration due to neglected maintenance. Equally serious, though not as spectacular as the bridge demolition, was the war's effect upon the highway surfaces. The damage to the highway system was estimated at P55,250,000 based on about 1½ times pre-war costs. As a result of the study of the U.S. Army and Navy engineers and of others representing the various U.S. Government agencies involved in the rebuilding of the Philippines, the Congress of the United States approved the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946.

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