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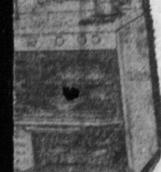
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KNOWING YOUR CEMENTS

By DUTCH HORLANDER, Paramount Center
Knowing how to buy building materials is as essential to the builder as knowing how to buy groceries is to the housewife. This article has to deal with one of the materials most misunderstood among the "Do It Yourself" builders.

CEMENT
There are three basic kinds of cement and their use is primarily designed for a specific kind of work.

We will class the three types of cement under the terms commonly known in the trade, namely REGULAR, PLASTIC, and MASONRY.

Now for their uses.

Regular Cement
REGULAR cement is commonly used for sidewalks, foundations, curbs, driveways, etc. The standard mix for general purpose concrete is ONE part regular cement, TWO parts concrete sand, and FOUR parts concrete gravel. You perhaps noticed the word concrete sand underlined, the reason is that I want to differentiate between the two most commonly used sands. Concrete sand is generally more coarse and not quite so clean a sand as its brother, plasterer's sand.

Water is added to the mix as it is turned in the mixer until it is of the right consistency for the job to be done. Care should be taken not to put too much water in the mix.

Plastic Cement
PLASTIC cement, often referred to by the trade as "waterproof," is primarily used with sand as stucco on homes, for waterproofing the walls in showers, and in foundations where waterproofing qualities are desired. Plastic cement when used with plasterer's sand is applied in two coats to the outside of the house. A third coat of colored stucco gives you the finished product.

Masonry Cement
MASONRY cement, one of the new members to the cement family, was developed several years ago to be used exclusively for block and brick work. The old method was to add fire clay and lime in certain proportions to either regular or plastic cement. Now this skillfully prepared cement is milled and compounded into an ideal masonry cement at the mill.

Most masons use one part masonry cement to four parts plasterer's sand adding just enough water to make good troweling.

Plasterers sand unlike concrete sand is washed clean and screened so as not to have any small stones in it. This makes for more ease in handling.

Your materials dealer will advise you as to the amount and kind of materials you need. Skilled men are employed in most building material yards to answer any problem a skilled or a amateur contractor may have.

There are many additives to concrete and cement all primarily designed to do a specific job. Some give added acceleration in setting, some give waterproofing qualities; some, when mixed with dry cement, sand and lime-proof color, then dusted on top of your freshly poured slab, will give one in a number of beautiful colors; other additives give traction on slippery areas. There are many hundreds of cements and companion products available at your materials leader. When properly used they will give you a beautiful and lasting structure with a minimum of effort.

Work closely with your materials dealer who knows best about your needs, follow instructions you may receive, and you too can "Do It Yourself."

LIBRARY TO PROVIDE JOB INFORMATION

The Los Angeles County Library at 1345 Post, Torrance, has been designated as one of 100 official County Job Information Posts by the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, according to John D. Henderson, County librarian.

Each Library will receive a weekly list of job opportunities in all fields open in the County Civil Service. At the present time over 100 job openings are listed in such fields as clerical, administration, recreation, social work, engineering, construction, trades, and others.

Bookmarks containing job opportunities information are now available at each branch library free of charge. Every two weeks new bookmarks containing new information regarding County job opportunities will be available. In addition to learning of job openings, patrons may secure Civil Service application forms to apply for these positions.

Information may be secured also from the offices of the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, 501 North Main street, in Downtown Los Angeles.

Pawlowski Elected by Democrats

Joe Pawlowski was elected president of the Carson Democratic Club at the regular Monday meeting held at the Lone Pine Inn last week, it was announced.

Officers elected to serve with Pawlowski are: Henry Blythe, vice-president; Mrs. Judith Bergquist, recording secretary; Mrs. Ruby Fleming, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Jewel Foster, treasurer.

The slate of officers was presented by Nominating Committee Chairman George Foster.

The following committee chairmen were appointed by the new president: Dave Stamper, ways and means; Mrs. Mary Desmond, publicity; Mrs. Muriel Gately, hospitality; Mrs. Evelyn Poindexter, arrangements; Allan Lind, parliamentarian; Henry Blythe, program; John McGrath, membership; Lloyd Desmond, delegate to council.

Richard Richards, Democratic candidate for state senator, will be main speaker at a Democratic breakfast to be held at Alan Richard Hall, 1953 West Carson, this Sunday, March 21, at 10 a.m., it was announced by Bob Burke of the Torrance Democratic Club. Reservations may be made by calling TE. 4-1897 or TE. 4-1609.

Speaker at last week's meeting of the Carson group was Glenn N. Anderson.

REP. KING FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

U. S. Rep. Cecil R. King, seeking re-election in the seventeenth district, was the first California Congressman to file a formal declaration of candidacy on both the Republican and Democratic ticket.

Congressman King, who has represented the seventeenth district in Congress since 1932, made his filing at the office of Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite. His formal nomination papers are now in circulation by members of both parties, King's office announced.

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