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I Introduction

This thesis is concerned with the protection of an embankment against erosion by current. A problem frequently met in engineering, bank erosion often has destructive effects on abuting land and structures.

A case, in point, is that treated in this paper. In 1934, a highway bridge was built over the Red Cedar River on Kalamazoo Road between Lansing and East Lansing. The outline of the banks of the river, adjacent to the bridge, was as shown in the situation plan at the end of this report. During the ensuing fourteen years to 1948, the northwest bank has been subjected to erosive action by the current. This so-called "scouring" has changed the location of that bank, as noted in the map.

The significance of this condition has been recognized by local authorities. Further scouring of the bank can result in subsequent exposure of the foundation piles supporting abutment "A". This exposure is most likely to occur when the summer low water level is less than Elev. 819.0 and the soil has been washed away under the abutment. Timber piles are most subject to decay at the water line where they become alternately wet and dry, while the portion of a pile, which remains continuously immersed in water, does not decay and lasts practically forever.

This situation warrants the designing and building of a structure to resist further erosive action. A retaining wall has been selected as the design problem herein.

Enclosed are photographs from various angles showing the present appearance of the site for the proposed retaining wall.

Photo No. 1 - Scour begins at this part of bank

Photo No. 2 - Brosion occuring on west bank

Photo No. 3 - Additional view showing scouring action

Photo No. 4 - Bridge adjacent to site of retaining wall









II Design of Cantilever Retaining Wall

A. Data and Assumptions for Design

Data:

Cantilever Retaining Wall

Surcharge: none

Impact (Vibration): none

Earth: $W_e = 100 \text{ pcf}$

 $\theta = 0^{\circ}$

 \emptyset = 33° 40' = angle of internal friction

Foundation pressure = 3000 psf (assumed maximum)

Specifications: (assumed)

wt. of Conc. = 150 pcf

f'c = 2000 psi n = 15

fc = 800 psi

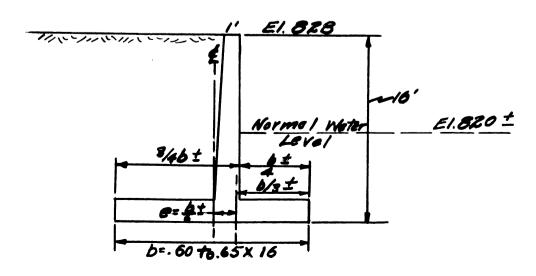
v = 40 psi

u = 100 psi

fs = 18,000 psi

Design Constants: $R = \frac{M}{bd^2} = 139$ j = 7/8

Coef. of friction between base & earth = .40

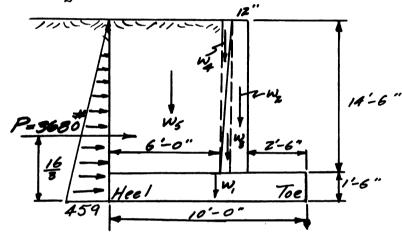


B. Determination of Economical Dimensions

Pressure on base

$$C = \cos \theta \quad \frac{(\cos \theta - \cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta)}{(\cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta)}$$
$$= \frac{1-\sin \theta}{1+\sin \theta} = \frac{1-.554}{1+.554} = .287$$

p = Cwh = .287X100X16 = 459 ps
$$=$$
 = 459 x 16 = 3680 lb.



Check for trial width:

M third pt. =
$$3680 \times 5.33 = 3/4b \times 16 \times 100 \times (2/3b - 3/8b)$$

= $19640 = 1200b (2/3b - 3/8b)$
19640 = $800b^2 = 450b^2 = 350b^2$
 $b^2 = 56.1$ b = 7.5 let b = 10°

Base pressures: Moments about toe:

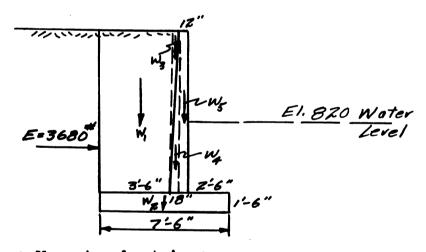
$$W_1$$
 = 1.5xl0xlxl50 = 2250 lb. x 5.0 = 11,250 lb. ft. W_2 = 1xl4.5xlxl50 = 2170 " x 3.0 = 6,520 " " W_3 = $\frac{1}{2}x\frac{1}{2}x$ l4.5xlxl50 = 543 " x 3.67 = 1,994 " " W_4 = $\frac{1}{2}x\frac{1}{2}x$ l4.5xlxl00 = 362 " x 3.83 = 1,386 " " W_5 = 6xlxl4.5xlxl00 = $\frac{8700}{14}$ " x 7.00 = $\frac{60,900}{82,050}$ " " $\frac{14,025}{14}$ lb. $\frac{1}{82,050}$ lb. ft.

Dist. from toe to Wtot = $\frac{82050}{14025}$ = 5.86 ft.

$$\frac{x}{5.33} = \frac{3680}{14025}$$
 $x = 1.40$ $1.40 - .86 = .74$

Eccentricity = .74 ft. (Allowable = 1/3 base x .50 = 1.67)
Since this design with base width equal to 10 ft. shows
a distance of .93 ft (1.67 - .74) between the extremity
of the middle third and the point where the resultant
load cuts the base, it was decided to take a smaller value
for 'b' in order to obtain a more economical design. It is
generally agreed that the optimum situation for economical
design occurs when the resultant cuts the base of the wall
at the extremity of the middle third.

Let b = 7.50 ft.



Base Pressures: Moments about toe:

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W<sub>1</sub> = 3.5xl4.8xl00 = 5075 lb x 5.75 = 29200 lb.ft.

W<sub>2</sub> = 7.5x l.5xl50 = 1690 ** x 3.75 = 6340 ** **

W<sub>3</sub> = 1/2xl/2xl4.5xl00 = 362 x 3.83 = 1386 ** **

W<sub>4</sub> = 1/2xl/2xl4.5xl50 = 544 x 3.67 = 1997 ** **

W<sub>5</sub> = 1xl4.5xl50 = 2170x 3.00 = 6500 ** **

W<sub>tot</sub> = 9841 lb. 45423 lb ft
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Dist. from toe to Wtot = $\frac{45423}{9841}$ = 4.62 ft.

 $\frac{x}{5.33} = \frac{3680}{9841}$ x = 2.00 ft. 4.62 - 3.75 = .87ft.

Becentricity = 2.00 - .87 = 1.13 ft.

(Allowable = 1.25)

Base Pressure = $f = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{9841}{7.5} = \frac{9841 \times 1.13 \times 3.75 \times 12}{1 \times 7.5^5}$

f = 1310 ± 1185 = 2495 psf at toe

125 psf at heel

Factor of safety for overturning = Wtot x mom. arm
E x 5.33

S.F. = $\frac{9841x4.62}{3680x5.33}$ = $\frac{45423}{19600}$ = 2.32 (Allowable = 2.00)

Factor of Safety for Sliding = West Coof. of Friction

S.F. = 9841x.40 = 1.67 (Anchorage not required since the soil is low in bearing capacity and piles will be driven)

Sometime during the spring, the Red Cedar River can be counted on to reach flood levels and overflow its banks. Because of this, the forces acting will be analysed herein.

As shown in the following sketch, the earth pressure of water pressure tend to cancel each other and consequently the resultant force cuts the base closer to the center than at low water. Therefore, the base pressure is less at the toe than before.

The picture is also improved for shear along face a-b.

The bending moment on the stem could possibly be changed an appreciable amount, however.

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C. Investigation of Forces during High Water

Moments about face a-b = $3680 \times 5.33 - 2000 (9.17)$ = 540 ft lb = 6500 in lb.

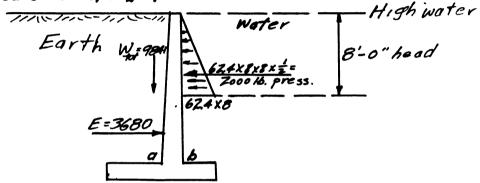
 $d = V = \frac{1680}{12x7/8x40} = 4.00 in.$

d = <u>H</u> = <u>540</u> = 1.98 in

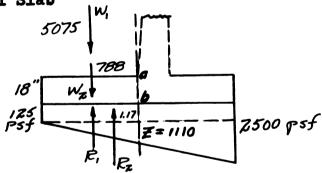
assume d = 12" at this point

 $As = N = \frac{6500}{\text{fsid}} = .034 \text{ in.}^2$

This area of steel will be taken care of by temp. steel spaced 3!-0! c/c $\frac{1}{2}!$ $\beta = .20$ in.²



D. Design of Heel Slab



 $W_2 = 1.5 \times 3.5 \times 150 = 787.5 = 788$

 $R_1 = 125 \times 3.5 = 437.5 = 438$

 $R_0 = 1110 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 3.5 = 1940$

Moments about a-b:

+5075 (1.75) + 788 (1.75) - 438 (1.75) - 1940 (1.17)=010250 - 767 - 2270 = 7,213 = M a-b. •

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Bending causes tension in top fibers of heel slab.

$$d = \frac{V}{bjv} = \frac{3485}{12x7/8x60} = \frac{5.53 \text{ in.}}{}$$

$$d = \underbrace{H}_{Kb} = \underbrace{7213}_{139} = 51.9$$

$$Z = 1110 \text{ psf}$$

d = 7.20 in. = minimum "d"

In this case assume d = 15 in. with 3 in. cover.

Check for allowable shear:

Steel Design for Heel Slab:

$$A_s = \frac{H}{fs/d} = \frac{7213 \times 12}{18,000 \times 7/8 \times 15} = .366 \text{ in.}^2 \text{ reqd. per 12 in.}$$

Use
$$2 - \frac{1}{2}$$
 \$\psi\$ bars = .40 in. 2 Top

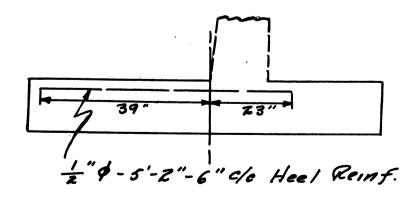
$$\frac{12}{2}$$
 = 6" spacing c/c

Check for Bond Stress: ≤o = 3.14 in.

$$M = V = 3485 = 84.5 \text{ psi} < 100 \text{ O.K.}$$

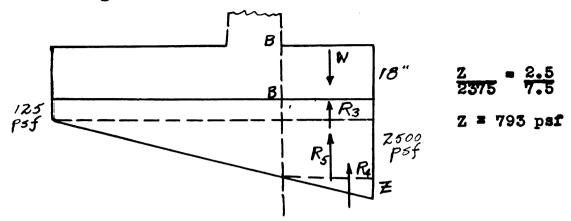
Therefore, special anchorage not required.

$$L = \frac{\text{fs D}}{4\text{u}} = \frac{18000\text{x.5}}{4\text{ x 100}} = \frac{22.5}{100} \text{ inches.}$$



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E. Design of Toe Slab



 $W = 1.5 \times 150 \times 3.5 = 788 \text{ lb.}$

 $R_3 = 125 \times 2.5 = 313 \text{ lb.}$

 $R_4 = 793 \times \frac{1}{8} \times 2.5 = 990 \text{ lb.}$ $R_5 = 1582 \times 2.5 = 3950 \text{ lb.}$

Moments about face B-B:

 $-788 \times 1.25 + 313 \times 1.25 + 3950 \times 1.25 + 990 \times 1.67 = 6000 \text{ ft.}$ 4350 + 1650

Shear = V = 4465 lb. Assume toe 18" thick & d = 15"

$$v = V = 4465 = 28.3 \text{ psi}$$

$$R = \frac{M}{bd_2} = \frac{6000}{225} = 26.7$$

As = $\frac{M}{fs Jd}$ = $\frac{6000 \times 12}{18,000 \times 7/8 \times 15}$ = .305 in.² req'd. per foot.

Use $2-\frac{1}{2}$ # bars = .40 in.² Bottom at 6 spacing c/c

Check for Bond Stress:

$$u = v = 4465 = 108 \text{ psi}$$
 $\sqrt[2]{50}$ $\sqrt[3]{3.14x7/8x15}$

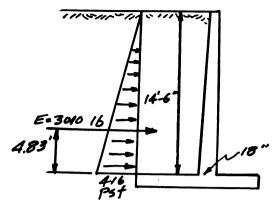
$$L = \frac{faD}{4u} = \frac{18000 \times \frac{1}{2}}{4 \times 100} = 22.5$$
 inches.

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F. Design of Stem



 $P = Cwh = .287 \times 100 \times 14.5 = 416$

 $E = \frac{416 \times 14.5}{2} = 3010 \text{ lb.}$

Shear = 5010 lb.

Moment = $3010 \times 4.83 \times 12 = 174.500 \text{ in. lb.}$

 $d = \frac{V}{b J V} = \frac{3010}{12x7/8x40} = \frac{7.17}{100}$ inches

 $d = \frac{M}{Rb} = \frac{14540}{139} = 104.5 = 10.2$ inches

Let d = 15 in.

Make stem 12 in. at top & 18 in. at bottom

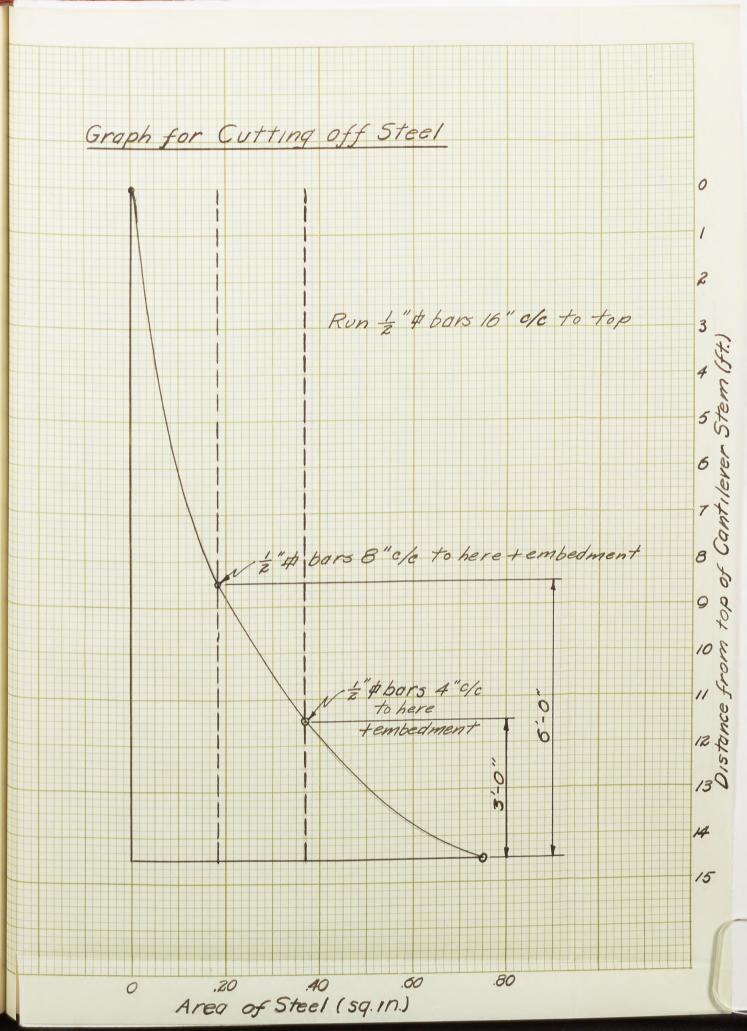
$$V_{x} = \frac{28.7h^{2}}{2}$$
 $W_{x} = \frac{28.7h^{2}}{2} (\frac{h}{3})$
 $V_{x} = \frac{14.55}{6} h^{2}$
 $W_{x} = \frac{28.7h^{3}}{6}$
 $W_{x} = \frac{28.7h^{3}}{6}$

Steel required at junction of stem & base:

 $As = \frac{M}{FsJd} = \frac{174,500}{18000x7/8x15} = .738 in.^2$

Use 3-1" bars gives .75 in. 2 per 12 inches

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 $(\mathbf{x}_{i})^{-1} = (\mathbf{x}_{i})^{-1} + (\mathbf{x}_{i})$ } }

$$\frac{12}{3} = 4$$
 inch spacing

L =
$$\frac{\text{fsD}}{4u}$$
 = $\frac{18000\text{x.5}}{4\text{ x }100}$ = 22.5 inches embedment

Investigation of shear & moment at third points:

$$V_x = 14.35 \text{ h}^2$$
 $M_x = 4.78 \text{ h}^3$

Where V_X & M_X = shear & moment at any section "h" dist. from top of wall

$$\frac{2x14.5}{3} = \frac{9.67 \text{ fb.= h}}{3}$$
 $V_x = 14.35 \times 9.67^2 = 1340 \text{ lb.}$

$$M_{x} = 4.78 \text{ h}^{3} = 4.78 \text{ x } 9.67^{3} = 4320 \text{ ft.lb.}$$

$$d = \frac{V}{V | D} = \frac{1340}{40x7/8x12} = 3.19 in.$$

h =
$$\frac{14.5}{3}$$
 = 4.83 ft. $V_x = 14.35 \times 4.83^2 = 335 lb.
 $W_x = 4.78 \times 4.83^3 = 545$ ft.lb.$

$$d = \frac{v}{v_1b} = \frac{335}{40x7/8x12} = .798 in.$$

$$d = \underbrace{\text{M}}_{\text{K}} = \underbrace{545}_{\text{139}} = 3.92 = 1.98 \text{ or 2 inches}$$

$$As = \frac{545 \times 12}{18000 \times 7/8 \times 11} = .0377 \text{ in.}^2$$

G. Temperature Steel:

.0025 (ave.) x concrete x-section area

$$.0025 \times 12 \times 15 = .450 \text{ in.}^2$$

To support horiz. steel in front of stem: Use \(\frac{1}{2}^{11} \) bars @ 3'-0"

Longitudnal bars in base: Use \(\frac{1}{2}^{11} \) bars - 18" c/c

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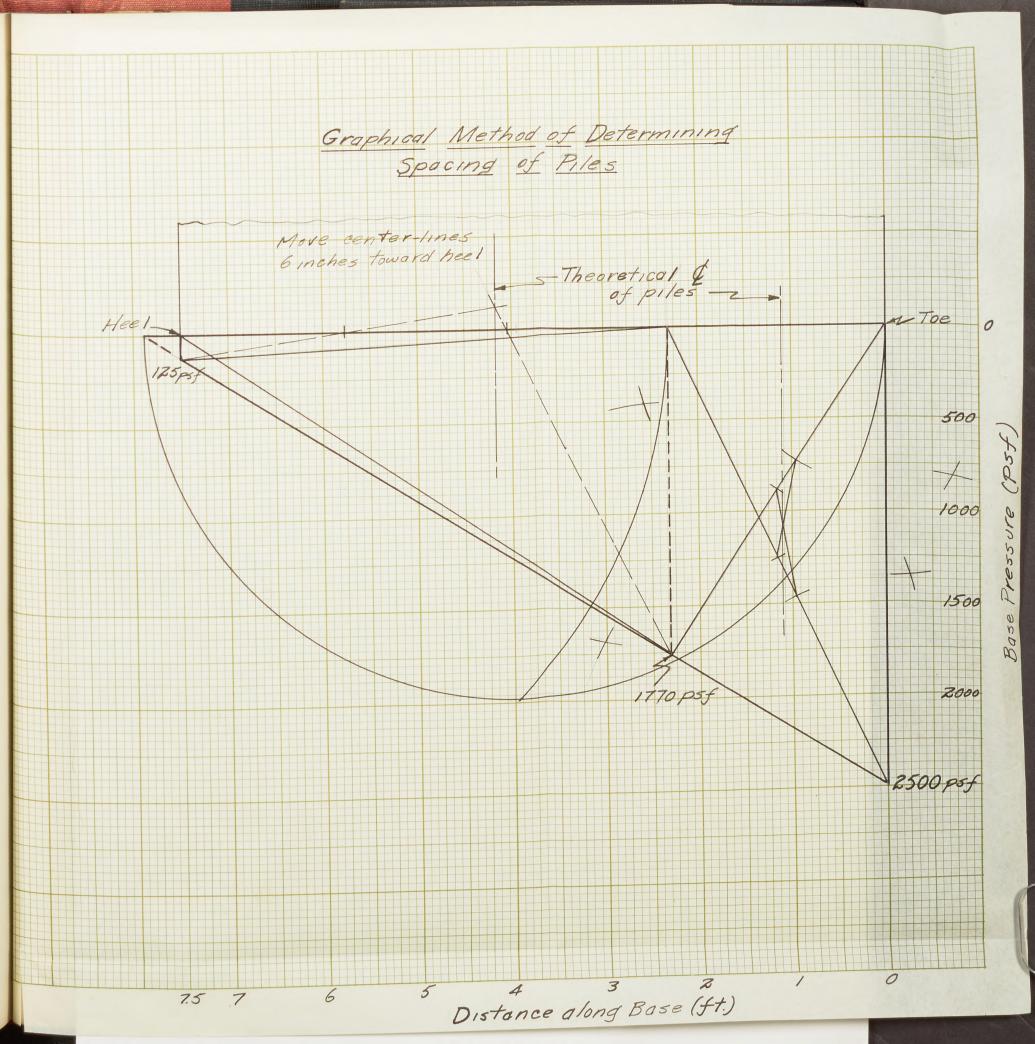
H. Design of Piles

able for this design, helpful information was contributed by Mr. W. C. Gunn, Civil Engineer. Mr. Gunn was the construction engineer for the bridge job and consequently is familiar with the supporting characteristics of the soil. Considering the soil pressure developed at the toe, of the wall in this design, he advised the addition of timber piling to assure ample support.

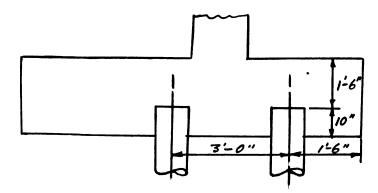
The problem of spacing and size of piles was taken up with Prof. C. A. Miller, Dept. of Civil Engineering. His reference to a graphical method of determining this spacing was greatly appreciated along with his other helpful assistance on the design of the wall.

Use 15 feet long piles, measuring 12 inches at butt and tapering down to 9 inches at the tip. These piles can be rated at 15 tons in this soil according to Mr. Gunn.

The graphical method for determining spacing is shown on the following page. Since the theoretical center-line of the piles on the toe side is only 1 foot from the toe, the piles will be moved in another 6 inches. This will fulfill the required minimum distance of 18 inches from pile center-line to edge of concrete. The second line of piles at 4 feet from the toe will be moved a corresponding distance.



Calculation of load transfered to each pile:



Lead per pile = 2500psf + 1770psf x 2.3 x 4.5 = 22,100 lb. longitudnal spacing. Load per pile equals approx. ll tons.

Allowable pile capacity = 15 tons.

I. Drainage Weepholes

The drainage problem for this retaining wall is somewhat different from the ordinary. Since the usual location of weepholes near the bottom of the stem is, in this case, below the river bed, the outlet will be placed at a higher elevation (820 ft.). Above this point bankrun gravel is to be filled in as a filtering medium for catching silt and other foreign matter which would tend to clog the drains.

The weepholes are to be constructed by building 6" x 6" boxes integrally with the stem forms. This technique is desirable because scrap lumber can be used for the boxes and the work need not be complicated by a possible difference in tile lengths and wall thickness.

III Construction Estimate

A. Current Unit Prices

In the construction field, whit prices fluctuate due to many varying conditions. Therefore, it is often difficult to predict at a glance how much a certain structure will cost to build.

For this problem, the writer consulted with an engineer connected with a local contracting firm to get a typical picture of the current prices in this area. The co-operation of Mr. Dave Cole of the Reniger Construction Company was greatly appreciated in connection with this matter.

The following unit prices will be used herewith:

Excavation

Power excavate - 80¢/yd.

Backfill - 254/yd.

Concrete

Materials: 2500lb. - 5 sack concrete - \$8.70/yd. delivered (ready mix)

Labor: Footing concrete - \$2.00/yd.

Wall concrete - \$3.50/yd.

Forms: Footings - Material - 154/sq.ft.

Labor - 25¢/sq.ft.

Walls - Material - 38d/sq.ft.

Labor - 50d/sq.ft.

Const. joint - 50¢/lin.ft.

Reinforcing Steel

Material: Deformed, intermediate grade, billet steel will be used.

Material Fabricated - \$125/ton (this figure includes accessories such as tie wire, beam chairs & spacers.)

Placing Steel - \$50.00/ton

Carborundum Rub (surface finish)

Material - 1/2/sq.ft.

Labor - 30¢/sq.ft.

Overhead - 10%

Includes: supervision, timekeeping, layout, expediting, sheds, workmen's compensation, social security.

Bonds - 1%

Profit - 10% for a job of this type and size.

B. Quantitie of Materials Estimate

Concrete: Footing - Vol. = 28 x 7.5 x 370.7 x 1/27 = 240 cu.yds.

Deduct cylinders for pile heads:

Vol. of one cyl. = $\frac{\pi d^2h}{4}$ = .785 x l x $\frac{10}{12}$ = .655 cu.ft.

.655 cu.ft./cyl.xl66 cyl. = 108.5 cu.ft.

108.5 = 4.0 cu.yds.

240 - 4 = 236 cu.yds. = conc.vol.in footing

Stem - Vol. = $\frac{1 + 1.5}{2}$ x 14.5x370.7x1/27 = $\frac{249 \text{ cu.yds.}}{2}$ Total Concrete Yardage = 236 + 249 = 485 cu.yds.

Steel: Footing steel top $-\frac{1}{2}$ \$\notine{\pi}\$ bars 5!-2" rods @ 6" c/c

2 x 370 = 740 rods 740 x 5.17 = 3820 lin.ft.

Footing steel bottom $-\frac{1}{2}$ \$\notine{\phi}\$ bars 4!-2" rods @ 6" c/c

2 x 370 x 417= 3080 lin.ft.

Footing steel longitudnal - $7\frac{1}{2}$ p rods, entire length of wall 7 x 370 = 2590 lin.ft.

Dowel steel $-\frac{1}{3}$ bars -4!-0!' - 4!' c/c 3 x 370 x 4 = 4440 lin.ft.

Stem steel - $\frac{1}{2}$ # bars - 7:-0" - 8" c/c 1.5 x 370 x 7 = 3880 lin.ft.

Temp. steel horiz. - $\frac{1}{2}$ # bars

15 x 370 + 19 x 370 = 12,580 lin.ft.

Temp. steel vert. - $\frac{1}{8}$ # bars - 14'-6" - 3'-0" s/c 14.5 x 123 rods = 1780 lin.ft.

Totals: 8320 lin.ft. of 1 bars

23850 lin.ft. of 1 bars

1 bars weigh .850 lb/lin.ft.

1 668 lb/lin.ft.

Total wt. = 8320 x .850 + 23,850 x .668 = 25,020 lb. = 11.50 tons

Excavation: Slope trench 60° with horizontal

Volume of excavation = 178x370 = 2440 cu.yd.

C. Cost Estimate

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Power Excavate - 2440 cu. yds. x .80¢/cu.yd.	= \$	1950.00
Backfill - 1450 cu.yds. x .25¢/cu.yd.	=	362.00
Forms: Footing:		
Materials - $15\phi/sq.ft. \times 370$ ft. $\times 28 \times 2$	=	259.00
Labor - 25¢/sq.ft. x 370 x 28 x 2	=	432.00
Forms: Stem:		
Materials - 38¢/sq.ft. x 14.5 x 370 x 2	=	4080.00
Labor - $50/sq.ft. x 14.5 x 370 x 2$	=	5370.00
Footing Concrete:		
Materials - 236 cu.yd. x 8.70/cu.yd.	_	0050 00
delivered Labor - 236 cu.yd. I 3.00/cu.yd.	=	2050.00 47 2.00
Stem Concrete:		
Materials - 249 cu.yd. x 8.70/cu.yd	_	03770 00
Materials - 249 cu.yd. x 8.70/cu.yd delivered Labor - 236 cu.yd. x 3.50/cu.yd.	=	2170.00 872.00
Construction joints:		
One joint every 40 ft. = 92 joints		
22 lin.ft./joint x 92 joints x 50¢/lin.ft	.=	1010.00
Reinforcing Steel:		
Materials - 11.5 tons x \$125/ton	=	1440.00
Labor (placing) - 11.5 tons x \$50/ton	=	575.00
Carborundum Rub: upper Sft. of front sur- face of stem will be rubbed for appear- ance.		
Waterials: - 8 x 370 x $\frac{1}{2}\phi/\text{sq.ft.}$	•	14.80
Labor - 8 x 370 x 30¢/sq.ft.	=	888.00
Piling: 166 piles x \$60/pile (driving + materials) Tot.		9950.00 3189 8. 80
Contractor's overhead = 10%		3189.48 35084.28
Contractor's profit = 8%	_	2810.00
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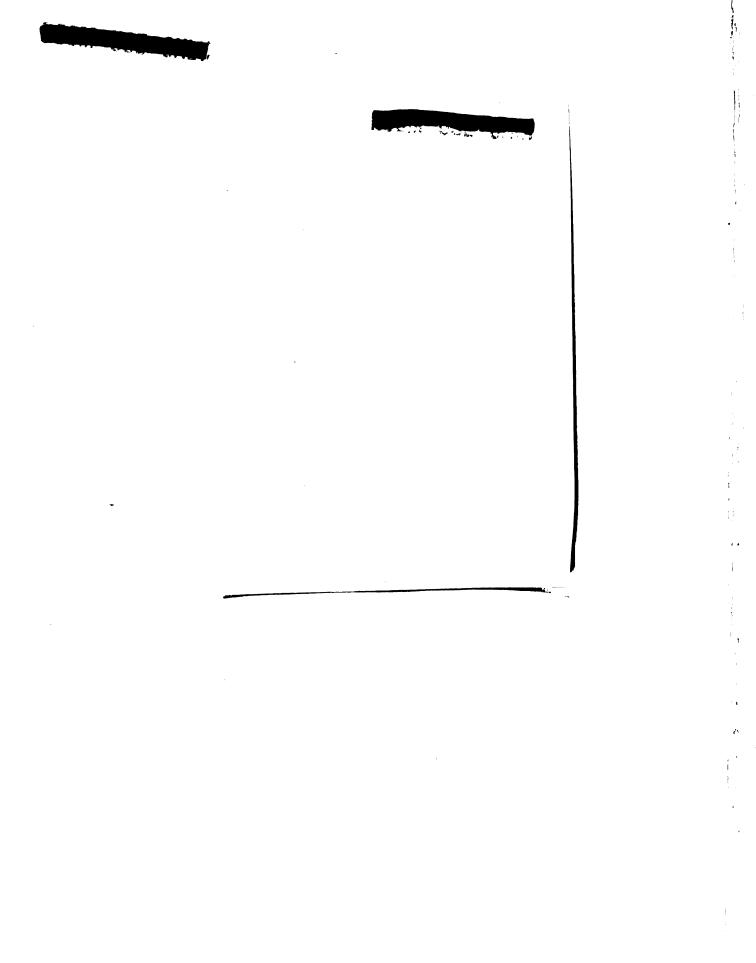
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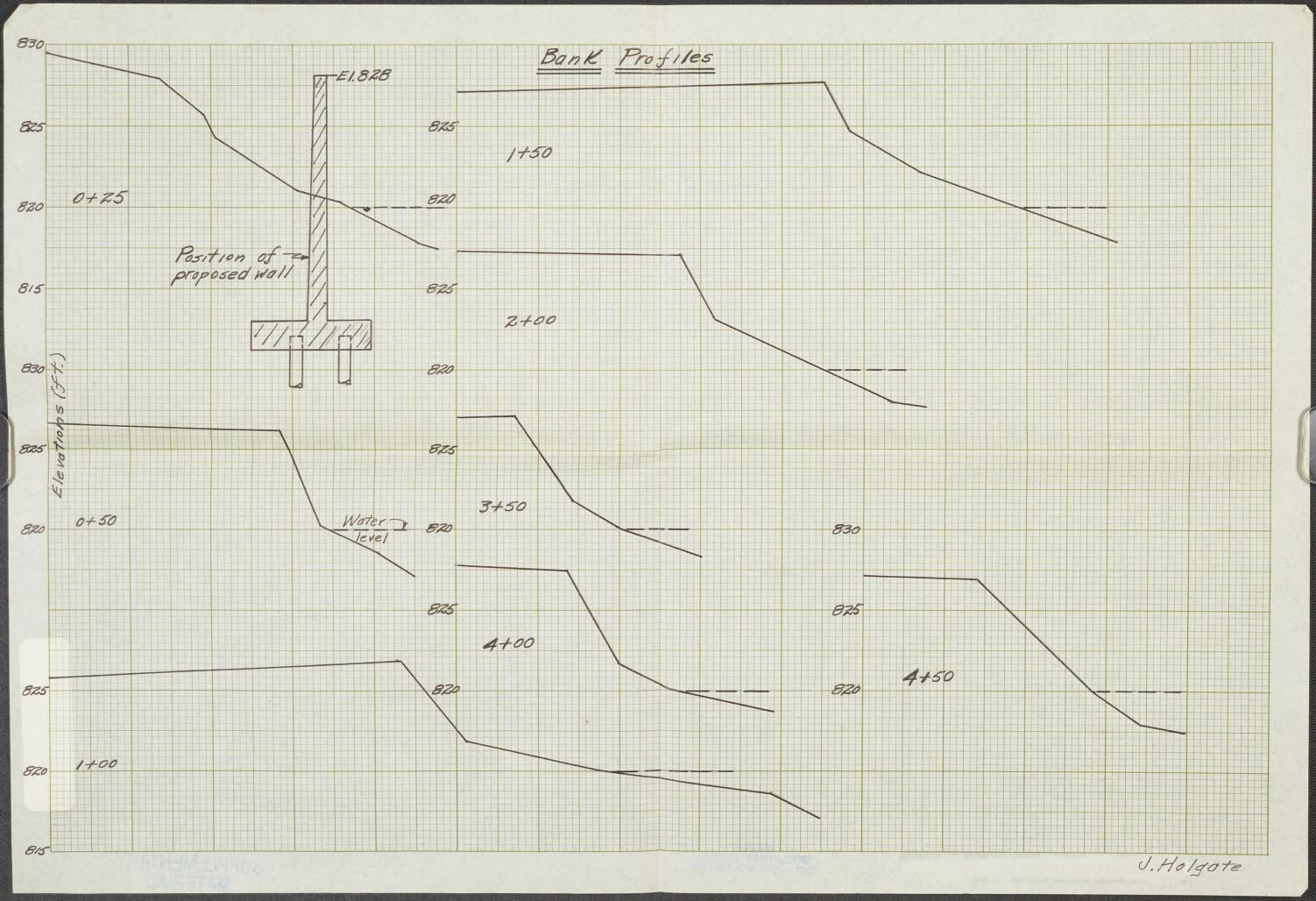
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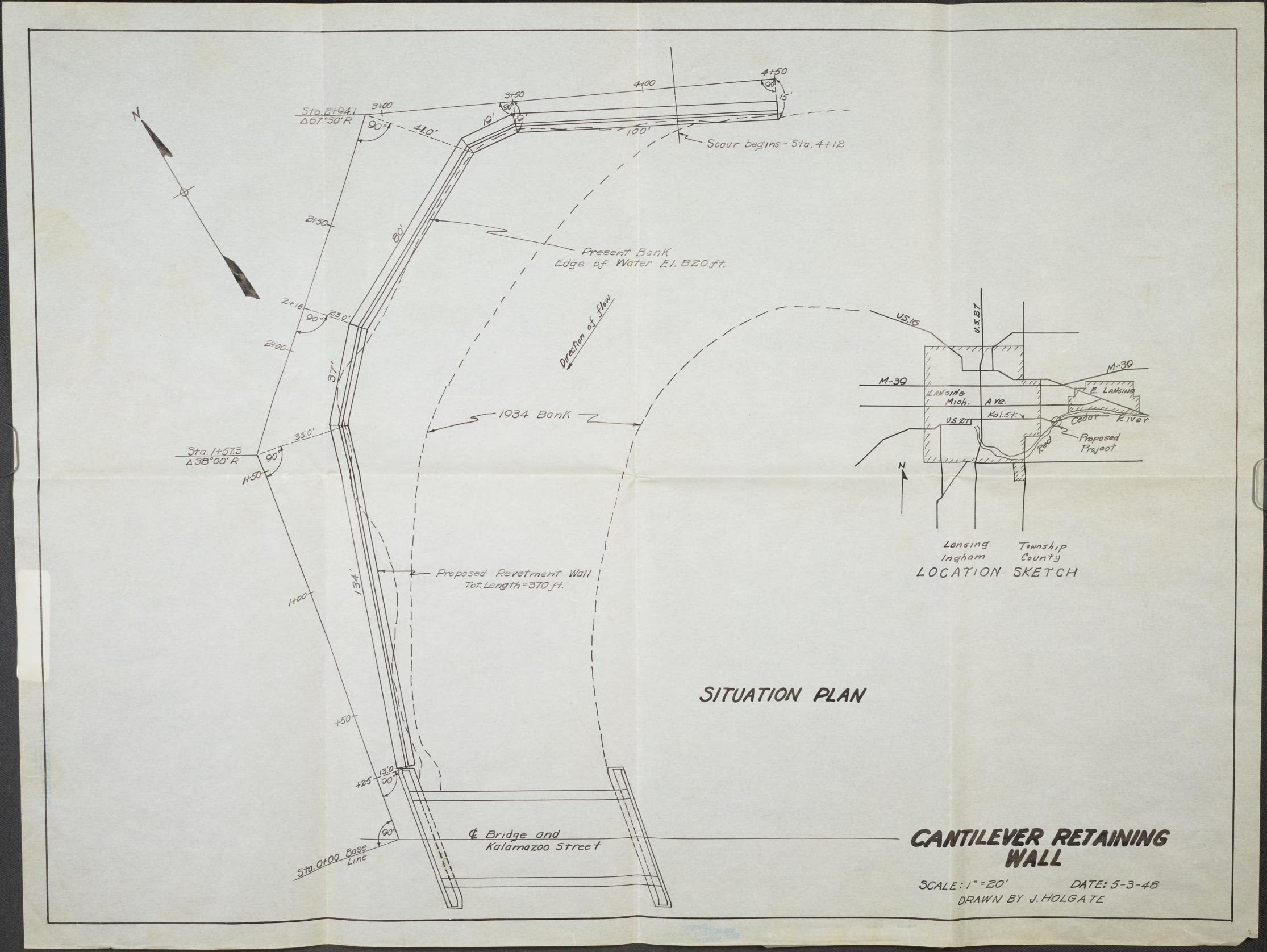
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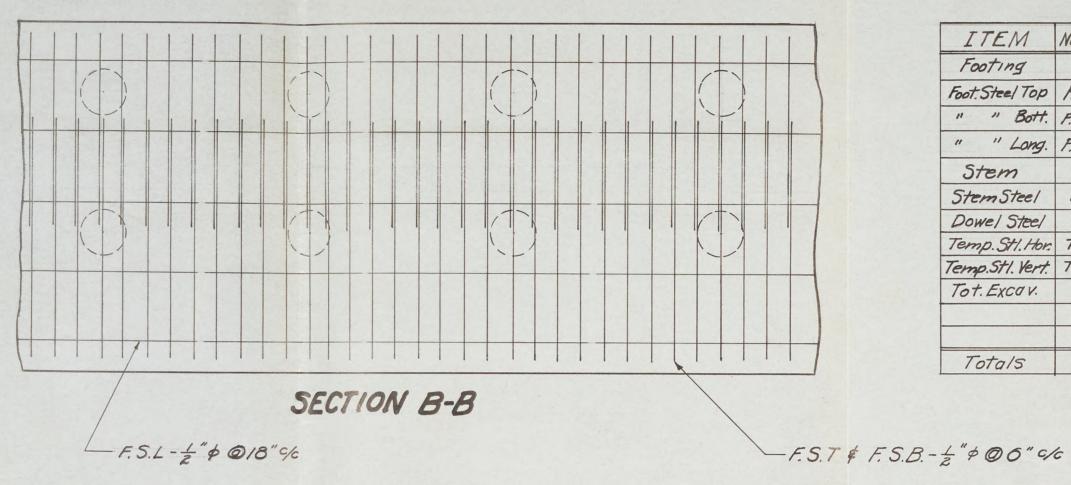
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BILL OF MATERIALS

ITEM	Notation	Concrete	Reinf. Steel	Reinf. Steel	Timber piles	Cu. Yds. Excavation	Sheet Piling
	1101411011		lin.feet	165.			The second secon
Footing		236			166		375 In. feet
Foot. Steel Top	F.S.T		3820	2550			
" " Bott.	F.S.B.		3080	2060			
" " Long.	F.S.L.		2590	1730			
Stem		249					
StemSteel	<i>S.S.</i>		3880	3300			
Dowel Steel	D.S.		4440	3780			
Temp. Stl. Hor.	T.S.H.		12,580	8410			
Temp.Stl. Vert.	T.S.Y.		1780	1190			
Tot. Excav.						3020	
Totals		485	32,170	23,02.0	166	3020	375

