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The SEC Index of Stock Prices, based on the closing prices of 265 common stocks for the week ended July 17, 1959, for the composite and by major industry groups compared with the preceding week and with the highs and lows for 1959, is as follows:

	1939 = 100		Percent Change	1959	
	<u>7/17/59</u>	<u>7/10/59</u>		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Composite	429.7	436.0	-1.4	436.0	400.1
Manufacturing	536.0	544.3	-1.5	544.3	490.7
Durable Goods	516.1	527.7	-2.2	527.7	457.8
Non-Durable Goods	543.9	549.0	-0.9	550.2	510.5
Transportation	360.5	371.5	-3.0	371.5	340.7
Utility	216.7	218.6	-0.9	231.8	208.6
Trade, Finance & Service	427.3	433.0	-1.3	433.0	382.7
Mining	315.5*	321.2	-1.8	360.4	315.5

*New Low

JAMES SNODDY REGISTRATION REVOKED

In a decision announced today (Release 34-6020) the SEC revoked the broker-dealer registration of James J. Snoddy, doing business as James J. Snoddy, Investment Securities, 1456 - 140th Ave., San Leandro, Calif., for failure to file reports of financial condition for the years 1955, 1956, and 1957 and for conviction of a crime involving the sale of securities.

Snoddy was convicted in May 1957 in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas of employing schemes to defraud investors in connection with the sale of securities in violation of the Federal Securities Laws and the Mail Fraud statute, and of filing a false and fictitious statement of financial condition with the Commission in violation of the Securities Exchange Act.

With respect to the failure to file reports, Snoddy asserted that he did not engage in the securities business after November 1954 and did not realize that he was required to file financial reports for the years in question. The Commission ruled, however, that the obligation to file reports continued so long as he was registered.

In view of the conviction and the violation of the reporting requirement, the Commission concluded that revocation of Snoddy's registration as a broker-dealer was necessary in the public interest.

WESTERN FUND PLAN PROPOSES OFFERING

Western Fund Plan for the accumulation of shares of Western Industrial Shares, Inc., 818 Seventeenth St., Denver, filed a registration statement (File 2-15368) with the SEC on July 17, 1959, seeking registration of \$5,000,000 of Systematic Investment Certificates and \$150,000 of Fully Paid Investment Certificates.

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CUBIC CORP. FILES FOR OFFERING AND SECONDARY

Cubic Corporation, 5575 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, Calif., filed a registration statement (File 2-15369) with the SEC on July 17, 1959, seeking registration of 105,000 shares of capital stock, of which 100,000 are to be offered for public sale for the account of the company and 5,000 for the account of Robert V. Werner, vice president and a director. Hayden, Stone & Co. is listed as the principal underwriter. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company designs, develops and produces electronic devices and systems, primarily for the precision tracking of missiles and aircraft. It now has outstanding 404,800 shares of capital stock (in addition to certain indebtedness). Of the net proceeds to the company from its sale of additional stock, the company expects to pay off \$400,000 of short-term bank loans incurred to finance receivables and inventory; to apply \$300,000 to build up inventories, and \$70,000 in the acquisition of electronic test and manufacturing equipment; and to use the balance for general corporate purposes. Of said balance, \$30,077 may be used to repay outstanding notes held by officers.

CENTRAL CHARGE SERVICE FILES FOR OFFERING

Central Charge Service, Inc., 620 11th St., N. W., Washington, filed a registration statement (File 2-15370) with the SEC on July 17, 1959, seeking registration of \$500,000 of 5½% Convertible Capital Debentures, to be offered for public sale at 100% of their principal amount through Auchincloss, Parker & Redpath. The underwriting commission is to be 5%.

The company provides a retail charge account service for customers of member merchants in the Washington and surrounding area, and assists retail merchants by purchasing from them, at a discount, customers' sales tickets for which the company has previously approved credit - thus providing the merchants with credit facilities. Net proceeds of the sale of the debentures will be used to increase or maintain the working capital of the company, thereby increasing or sustaining the base of borrowing from banks or other lending institutions. Additional working capital may be used for the purchase of receivables from merchants or may be applied to the reduction of short term loans.

MUTUAL TRUST APPLIES FOR ORDER

Mutual Trust, Kansas City, Mo., investment company, has applied to the SEC for an order of temporary exemption under the Investment Company Act with respect to approval of an investment advisory contract; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 40-2898) giving interested persons until July 28, 1959, to request a hearing thereon. According to the application, Security Management, Inc., has acted as investment adviser since 1950. Voting control of Security Management is owned by A. E. Weltner & Co., which owns all of its outstanding 200,000 common shares. Weltner & Co. has outstanding 872 shares of preferred stock and 600 shares of common stock; and 448 shares of the common stock, the only voting stock, were owned by A. E. Weltner, who died in February. Under the terms of his will, all of the Weltner & Co. common stock passed to his wife, Mrs. Edna Weltner, who has never been active in the investment advisory business. The present application proposes that Security Management continue to serve as investment adviser until January 19, 1960, the date of the next regular shareholders' meeting of Mutual Trust, at which meeting stockholder approval of a continuance of the investment advisory agreement will be requested.

COLUMBIA GAS SYSTEM AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SURETY BONDS

The SEC has issued an order (Release 35-14040) authorizing The Columbia Gas System, Inc., to execute surety bonds in the amounts of \$3,100,000 for United Fuel Gas Company and \$5,100,000 for The Manufacturers Light and Heat Company, its subsidiaries, required by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia as an incident to their increased rate schedules.

SUSPENSION OF TRADING IN JACOBS CO. STOCK CONTINUED

The SEC today announced the issuance of an order suspending trading in the common stock of F. L. Jacobs Co. on the New York and Detroit Stock Exchanges and in the over-the-counter market for a further ten-day period, July 21 to July 30, 1959, inclusive (Release 34-6022). The hearing in administrative proceedings to determine whether to order withdrawal of the stock from the New York Stock Exchange is scheduled for August 3, 1959. The company is undergoing reorganization in proceedings pursuant to Chapter X of the Bankruptcy Act pending in the U. S. District Court in Detroit.

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