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The SEC Index of Stock Prices, based on the closing prices of 265 common stocks for the week ended October 30, 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 | |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| | 10/30/59 | 10/23/59 | | High | Low |
| Composite | 419.1 | 412.4 | +1.6 | 441.3 | 400.1 |
| Manufacturing | 522.3 | 511.5 | +2.1 | 554.2 | 490.7 |
| Durable Goods | 500.4 | 493.0 | +1.5 | 527.7 | 457.8 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 532.3 | 518.6 | +2.6 | 570.1 | 510.5 |
| Transportation | 332.8 | 337.3 | -1.3 | 371.6 | 324.8 |
| Utility | 212.8 | 212.5 | +0.1 | 231.8 | 207.1 |
| Trade, Finance & Service | 429.3 | 424.0 | +1.3 | 433.0 | 382.7 |
| Mining | 296.1 | 289.7 | +2.2 | 360.4 | 389.5 |

HEARING ORDERED ON CONANT & CO. APPLICATION

The SEC has ordered proceedings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to determine whether an application for broker-dealer registration filed by M. Paul Conant and Co., Inc., 42 Broadway, New York, should be denied.

According to the order, Michael Hynes, president, a director and owner of 10% or more of the outstanding stock of Conant and Co., is enjoined from selling securities by order, judgment or decree of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings, Brooklyn, New York, entered on or about May 7, 1930.

The Commission has postponed the effective date of Conant and Co.'s registration until November 13, 1959; and it has scheduled a preliminary hearing for November 4, 1959, in its New York Regional Office on the question whether registration should be further postponed pending ultimate decision on the question of denial of registration. Thereafter, a hearing will be held on the question whether, in view of the said court injunction, it is in the public interest to deny registration as a broker-dealer to Conant and Co.

CONSOLIDATED EDISON (NY) PROPOSES BOND OFFERING

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., 4 Irving Place, New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-15792) with the SEC on October 30, 1959, seeking registration of \$75,000,000 of First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, Series Q, due December 1, 1989, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. Net proceeds of the bond sale will be applied (1) to retire some \$72,000,000 of bank loans and (2) toward the cost of the company's construction program. The construction program of the company and its subsidiaries, including acquisition of the New York City power plant properties, will involve expenditures estimated at \$1 billion for the years 1959 through 1963.

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BASIC PRODUCTS SHARES IN REGISTRATION

Basic Products Corporation, 3830 West Grant St., Milwaukee, filed a registration statement (File 2-15793) with the SEC on October 30, 1959, seeking registration of 100,000 warrants for the purchase of common stock and 100,000 common shares reserved for issuance upon exercise of the warrants.

According to the prospectus, the warrants were issued in equal amounts to Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company and New England Mutual Life Insurance Company in connection with their purchase of \$2,000,000 of each of the company's 5½% Subordinated Notes dated March 20, 1959, the warrants being exercisable at \$30 per share until March 1, 1969. The company used \$3,000,000 of the proceeds of the notes for the acquisition of Hevi-Duty Electric Company and the balance has been and will be used for general corporate purposes. Proceeds of the sale of stock upon exercise of the warrants will be used for redemption of the subordinated notes in connection with which the particular warrants so exercised were originally issued.

CONDE NAST PUBLICATIONS FILES FOR RIGHTS OFFERING

The Conde Nast Publications, Inc., 420 Lexington Ave., New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-15794) with the SEC on October 30, 1959, seeking registration of 501,863 shares of common stock, to be offered for subscription by common stockholders. The record date, subscription rate and subscription price are to be supplied by amendment. The Patriot-News Co., owner of 46% of the outstanding stock, has agreed to purchase any shares not subscribed for pursuant to the rights offering. The registration statement also includes options for the purchase of 150,000 common shares, together with the underlying shares, which options were granted in connection with the acquisition of Street & Smith Publications, Inc., in August 1959.

Net proceeds of the stock sale will be used to retire a \$3,500,000 bank loan incurred in connection with the Street & Smith acquisition and to increase working capital to the extent of the excess.

MIDDLESEX WATER PROPOSES RIGHTS OFFERING

Middlesex Water Company, 52 Main Street, Woodbridge, N. J., filed a registration statement (File 2-15795) with the SEC on October 30, 1959, seeking registration of 29,534 shares of common stock to be offered to its preferred and common stockholders of record on December 2, 1959, at the rate of one share for each three preferred or common shares held. Underwriters will be headed by Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc. The subscription price and underwriting terms will be supplied by amendment.

Proceeds from the sale of the stock, together with funds from the proposed sale of \$1,800,000 first mortgage bonds to an institutional investor, are to be used to pay \$2,157,500 in bank notes issued for construction purposes. The balance of the proceeds are to be used for general corporate purposes. It is estimated that construction costs for the final quarter of 1959 and for the year 1960 will aggregate \$1,090,000.

U. S. LAND DEVELOPMENT SHARES IN REGISTRATION

U. S. Land Development Corporation, 1040 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., filed a registration statement (File 2-15796) with the SEC on October 30, 1959, seeking registration of 2,250,000 shares of common stock. A total of 1,170,000 shares are to be offered pro rata to holders of the 1,000 outstanding common shares of Eastern Properties, Inc., and 1,080,000 shares pro rata to the holders of the 10,000 outstanding common shares of Venice East, Inc.

If the exchange of stock is completed, it is the intention of Land Development to operate East and Venice, as subsidiaries. Land Development was organized in July 1958 and owns Pineda Island about 7 miles from Mobile, Ala. Eastern in 1957 commenced development, promotion and sale of Eastern Shores, a subdivision located on the North side of 163rd Street in North Miami Beach. Venice in 1959 acquired for the purpose of developing, promoting and selling lots, a tract of land in Sarasota County, Florida, about 4 miles southeast of Venice, Florida.

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BOURNS, INC., FILES FOR OFFERING AND SECONDARY

Bourns, Inc., 6135 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif., today filed a registration statement (File 2-15797) with the SEC seeking registration of 120,000 shares of its capital stock. Of this stock, 60,000 shares are to be offered for public sale for the account of the issuing company and 60,000 shares by the present holder thereof. Blyth & Co., Inc., is listed as the principal underwriter; and the offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is engaged primarily in the research, design and development, manufacture and sale of precision instruments, including potentiometers and potentiometer-type transducers, used in electronic circuitry for military, industrial and scientific uses. It now has outstanding 1,000,000 shares of stock and a \$315,000 term loan. Net proceeds of its sale of additional stock will be added to general funds, of which \$400,000 will be utilized for the purchase of lease-hold improvements, machinery, equipment and other facilities to expand production capacity for its general line of products. The remainder of the proceeds will be available for working capital.

All of the outstanding stock is owned by Marian E. Bourns, company president. As indicated, he proposes to sell 60,000 shares.

NEW ENGLAND POWER FILES FOR PREFERRED STOCK OFFERING

New England Power Company, 441 Stuart Street, Boston, Mass., filed a registration statement (File 2-15798) with the SEC today seeking registration of 100,000 shares of Cumulative preferred stock (\$100 par) to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding.

Proceeds from the sale of the stock are to be used to reduce the amount of bank notes now aggregating \$10,200,000. The company has made extensive property additions since 1954 and its estimated construction costs for the period from September 1959 through December 1962 are \$59,000,000 of which \$43,000,000 is for the plant at Brayton Point.

NEW JERSEY P & L BORROWINGS APPROVED

The SEC has issued an order (Release 35-14081) authorizing New Jersey Power & Light Company, Denville, N. J., to make bank borrowings through the period ending December 31, 1959, in amounts aggregating not to exceed \$6,000,000 outstanding at any one time. The funds will be used to finance in part the company's post-1958 construction program and to pay outstanding notes issued for such purpose.

UNIFIED FUNDS FILES DEPOSIT AGREEMENT PROPOSAL

Unified Funds, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., investment company, has applied to the SEC for approval of deposit agreements with Merchants National Bank and Trust Company wherein the investment company undertakes to deposit and maintain with the Trust Company qualified investments and reserves as required by the Investment Company Act with respect to its Series E and F certificates; and the SEC has issued an order (Release 40-2922) giving interested persons until November 12, 1959, to request a hearing thereon.

SHERBURN DODGE ENJOINED; RECEIVER APPOINTED

The SEC Chicago Regional Office announced October 27, 1959, (Lit. Release No. 1512) the issuance of a Federal court order permanently enjoining Sherburn J. Dodge of Shawano, Wisc., from further violation of the SEC net capital rule and from conduct of securities business while insolvent. A receiver was appointed for the assets of S. J. Dodge & Co.

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