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Drawn by an Allis-Chalmers Model HD-21 tractor, a 10-ft. wide sheepsfoot roller compacts a lift. A Bomag Pack-All Model KB-4 steel-wheeled compactor works an adjacent section.

An International Model TD-25 tractor and an Allis-Chalmers Model 260 Series A scraper combine to excavate glacial till. Most of the material was hauled to an embankment for a future runway.



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LEVELS HILL AT JAMESTOWN



When a prime section of the airport expansion and modernization job at Jamestown, N.Y. is completed later this year, Union Concrete

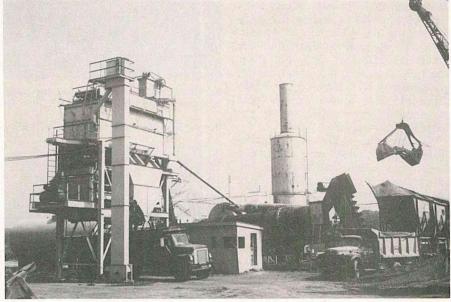
and Construction Corp. of West Seneca, N.Y. will have licked a tough job. From the onset, starting in July 1969, extremely wet material, due to a high water table, long hauls and bad weather all seemed to stack up against excavating superintendent Fritz Nowak.

The gamble to do the excavation and earthmoving of approximately 352,000 yards of basically glacial till material with seven Allis-Chalmers Model 260 Series A scrapers has paid off resoundingly. Several of the other bidders on the project had planned to do most of the excavation with draglines, so the sight of the rubber-tired "seven" caused many a moment of concern.

Up thru October of last year and then again in May of this year when the earthmoving operation resumed, Union Concrete and Construction rolled its seven scrapers, doing yeomans service in levelling a hill in the Allegheny Mountain countryside. Because of the waterretention qualities of the material, it was just about impossible to work after a rain, and with the high water table, it became necessary to spread the cuts over a wide area. The majority of the cuts could be worked for only a short time, and a maximum of 3 to 4 feet could be cut before a move was required in order to allow for additional drying.

Many times, after the scrapers were push-loaded by one of a pair of A-C HD-21's working on the 100-acre site, it was evident that the rubber-tired scrapers had better flotation capacities and better tractive effort than did the crawlers. Most of the excavated material was hauled over a 4200 foot run to the site of a future runway embankment under construction. With an average load time of 32 seconds to take on 14 bcy of the heavy, wet glacial till, and under ideal conditions, cycling time for the rigs was a satisfying seven minutes. Approximately 280,000 yards went

Approximately 280,000 yards went into the embankment, to be compacted for the planned runway and taxiway expansion, while another 72,000 yards (Continued)



Bituminous material for the base and wear coats is produced at the Cedar Rapids asphalt plant of Jamestown Macadam. An average of 175 TPH was turned out for the project.

Spreading a thin lift, one of the seven Allis-Chalmers Model 260 scrapers saves time aerating and compacting the fill.



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went to a spoil area for later expansion needs. The HD-21's not only worked with the scrapers in loading, but also spread the fill and then compacted it in thin lifts. At times, a 10 foot-wide, tandem-drum sheepsfoot roller was pulled by each tractor to complement the Bomag Model KB-4 Pack-All compactor working on the base areas.

In addition to the earthmoving and base preparation operations, Union Concrete & Const. is now completing the paving of the taxiway, access roads improvement and expanding the parking lots of the \$1.2 million project. With the material coming from the Jamestown Macadam Co., Inc., plant near Lakewood, some 6½ miles distant, approximately 8600 tons of type A base course and 8540 tons of type B wear coarse material were turned out by the Cedar Rapids 3-ton batch plant.

Working with a Blaw-Knox Model PF 180H paver, crews were able to put down from 1100-1400 tons on the taxiways during a regular 8 hour shift. The base and wear courses were each 4 inches thick, put down in two, 2-inch lifts. Compaction was handled by Buffalo-Springfield 10-12 and 12-16 ton dual rollers along with a Galion roller.

Included in the project is the installation of additional drainage facilities and improvement in the runway lighting system. With the overall operation under the supervision of George Hill, president of the construction firm, the job is now about 80 percent done. Growing in twelve years from doing small basements and foundations to bridge work and finally into handling big-league earthmoving itself, Union Concrete and Construction Corp. has proved their gamble to roll 7 was right.

RIGHT: An International Harvester Model 175 crawler, with a Drott 4 in 1 bucket, clears out a drainage ditch near a new apron.

Fine grading at the new entrance road of the parking lot and site of the future terminal is handled with a WABCO Model 666 grader.



Backfilling of a trench that contains cable for the underground runway lighting system is accomplished with the use of a John Deere Model 450 dozer.

Paving operations are handled with a Blaw Knox Model PF-180H hydrostatic paver.





