

# BUILDER OF GUERNSEY DAM TO SUPERINTEND ERECTION HOOVER DAM

## Frank T. Crowe Will Tackle Biggest U. S. Project

Frank T. Crowe, the man who built the Guernsey dam, will soon tackle the biggest engineering feat ever attempted within the borders of the United States—the construction of the Hoover dam, as superintendent and general manager of six large construction companies which combined to make a low bid on the project of nearly \$49,000,000.

Having resided at Guernsey with his family for about two years during the construction of the government dam, he and Mrs. Crowe and the children made many steadfast friends who rejoice in his climb to the top rung of the ladder in his chosen profession. Only one job of its kind undertaken by Uncle Sam exceeds in magnitude the building of the Hoover dam—that was the Panama Canal.

Crowe has aspired for some time to just such a task, and shortly after it was announced that the companies he represented had submitted the low bid, which virtually assured them that they would receive the contract, he was anxious to get to the site and start work as soon as possible. On Monday President Hoover and Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, officially approved the bid.

A daily dispatch from Denver dated March 5th, said in part:

Crowe is forceful and direct. He knows how to drive men to their capacity and hold their respect. There's a big army of dam building men itching to go with him on his newest quest the taming of the 1,700 mile long Colorado river. They swear by him, would do anything for him.

"To hell with excuses; get the muck!" read an array of signposts Crowe had installed when he was constructing the Tieton dam in Washington. The Tieton, a \$6,000,000 project, is still the highest earth dam in the world. It was carried through on time despite a growing number of difficulties.

"Hurry up" Crowe usually gets what he goes after. Some time ago he wrote Raymond F. Walter, chief engineer of the United States reclamation service, telling him he would like to build Hoover dam.

"Dear Walter," the letter read. "Just a line to let you know I want to build little old Boulder dam for you, either for U. S. account or others, I am still a dam fan and as restless as a "dam fool" when away from some old river bottom."

The latter part of last week, Mrs. Crowe visited here as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Collins, who resided in Sunrise when the Crowe's made their home in Guernsey, where she also called on old friends during her visit, cut short because it was necessary to return to her home at Boise, Idaho, in order that she could assist her husband pack his belongings before setting forth for Nevada and the biggest job of his career. Mrs. Crowe left Wheatland Saturday.

In talkin to the publisher of THE TIMES, Mrs. Crowe said it would probably be late fall before she and the children joined Mr. Crowe in their new home to be built according to their own specifications in the model city which the construction companies will build near the dam site to accommodate officials and employees during the construction period to consume about seven years.