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CHAPTER I - INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Introduction

1. Location and description. The Bull Lake Dam will be located on Bull Lake Creek, a tributary of the Wind River, about 40 miles northwest of Riverton, Wyoming (fig. 1). The dam proper consists of an earth-fill structure approximately 1,400 feet in length and 75 feet in height at the deepest part of the creek. In addition, it will be necessary to construct approximately 2,000 feet of earth-fill dike (fig. 2).

The outlet works will consist of an intake and trash-rack structure connected to two 4-foot radius concrete horseshoe tunnels (fig. 3). Each tunnel will diverge into two rectangular control gate sections, having both a control gate and an emergency gate (fig. 4). An air vent located at the downstream end of the piers will supply air to the horseshoe tunnels to prevent the formation of a vacuum which would cause the tunnels to flow full intermittently. The section immediately downstream from the gates will converge into two 4-foot radius concrete horseshoe tunnels which will extend to the stilling pool. In the final design, the stilling pool (fig. 5) will have a hydraulic hump at the downstream end of the tunnels, a dented step at the lower end of the slope, and a Rehbock sill 35 feet 4 1/2 inches downstream from the dented step. The stream bed will be riprapped on a slope of 6:1 from elevation 5723.25 at the downstream base of the sill, to elevation 5735.00. Riprap three feet thick will extend from the stream bed, on a 2:1 slope, to elevation 5735.00 on the left side of the stilling pool, and to elevation 5750.00 on the right side. The outlet works will have a capacity of 4,000 second-foot.

A concrete, open-channel spillway (fig. 6) will be provided for bypassing floods. It will have a designed capacity of 10,000 second-foot with an accompanying total drop of 61 feet from the reservoir level to the tailwater level. It will have a constant width of 100 feet and the flow will be controlled at the intake by three radial gates, each 29 feet wide and 11 feet high.

2. Personnel. The hydraulic model experiments for the design of the Bull Lake Dam outlet works and spillway, as described in the report, were made in the United States Bureau of Reclamation Hydraulic Laboratory at Denver, Colorado, and in the Colorado State College Hydraulic Laboratory at Fort Collins, Colorado, under the direction of Jacob E. Warnock, Research Engineer.

The model of the outlet works was begun under the supervision of J. B. Drisko, Assistant Engineer, and completed under the supervision of D. P. Barnos, Associate Engineer, F. L. Panuzio,
Assistant Engineer, was in immediate charge of the testing which was conducted by R. K. Vierok, Junior Engineer. Construction and revisions of the model were directed by H. M. Martin, Assistant Engineer. The section of the report dealing with these studies was prepared by Don C. Weed, Junior Engineer.

The spillway model was initiated under the supervision of Whitney M. Borland, Associate Engineer, and completed under the supervision of James W. Ball, Assistant Engineer. J. M. Buswell, Assistant Engineer, designed the model, supervised the construction and testing, and prepared the pertinent section of the report. The tests were conducted by D. M. Lancaster, Junior Engineer, with the assistance of C. R. Filler, Laboratory Aide.

These studies were made under the general supervision of J. L. Savago, Chief Designing Engineer, and Arthur Ruottgers, Senior Engineer. All engineering work of the Bureau of Reclamation is under the direction of R. F. Walter, Chief Engineer, and all activities of the Bureau are under the direction of J. C. Page, Commissioner.

3. Scope of tests. The model of the outlet works was studied to provide a calibration curve for the gate; to observe and to eliminate any unsatisfactory flow conditions between the gates and the horseshoe tunnels; to determine a satisfactory stilling pool design with consideration for the desirability of a hydraulic hump and sill; and to determine the extent of the riprap required downstream from the stilling pool for the protection of the structure.

The spillway was likewise studied to obtain a calibration curve for the gates; to eliminate any unsatisfactory flow conditions through the gates and down the chute; to develop a satisfactory stilling pool; and to determine the extent of riprap required downstream from the stilling pool.

Summary

4. Results and conclusion. Tests on the outlet works yielded data for the preparation of a calibration curve. An adverse flow condition downstream from the gate section was eliminated by specifying a gate operating program. The latter procedure proved to be more economical than increasing the length of the transition. The hydraulic hump used in the final design in conjunction with the duntated step and Rohbook sill produced satisfactory stilling-pool conditions for all combinations of flow. The riprap proposed in the final design provided ample protection to
the stilling-pool structure, with very little erosion at maximum discharge.

The approach transition, gate section, and chute of the spillway model had ample capacity for a discharge of 12,000 second-feet, 2,000 second-feet above the design maximum. Even higher discharges may be handled unless interference with the flow by the gate counterbalances is objectionable. The negative pressures on the crest for small gate openings (reservoir elevation 5805.0) were not considered serious because of their small magnitude and because of the remote probability that the gates may be operated under these conditions for more than a short period. The transverse waves in the chute will not affect the action of the stilling pool adversely or increase the erosion of the stream bed. The discharge curves included in this report will be helpful for determining the flow in the stream below the dam in time of flood. The stilling pool was shortened 18 feet and its floor raised 2 feet with an adequate hydraulic jump still forming on the apron. A symmetrical sill with large and teeth was found to be more satisfactory than an unsymmetrical sill with teeth and spaces of equal width throughout. A dentated step placed where the chute enters the pool was found to be very effective in keeping the jump in the pool at abnormally low tailwater elevations and to have practically no effect in preventing erosion downstream from the sill. Riprap placed over an area extending 50 feet downstream from the pool served as a control section and prevented the jump from sweeping out at even the lowest tailwaters.

CHAPTER II - MODEL TESTS OF OUTLET WORKS

Outlet Works Model

5. Model of outlet works. The model (fig. 7) was built on a scale of 1:30 in the Denver Hydraulic Laboratory. The water was supplied to the head tank by pump through a circulating system. A six-inch gate valve controlled the flow of water from the head tank to the model. The metal diverging transition split the discharge from the six-inch valve equally between the two metal horseshoe tunnels. Piezometers installed in the sides and bottom of the upstream horseshoe tunnels were connected to a manometer board to measure the head on the gates. The transition to the gates (figs. 7 & 8) was formed with plaster of paris between equally spaced templates cut to conform to the inside of the tunnels. The upstream rectangular tunnels were formed to represent the prototype section containing the emergency gates. These will be referred to as gates 1, 3, 5, and 7 numbered from left to right looking downstream. As these gates are not to be operated often, only the
The segments were bolted together with 3/8 machine screws.

NOTE
Wood cores to conform with the tunnel cross-sections were placed between template Z and template 2 and the transition was cast with plaster of paris.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSITIONS AND GATE DETAILS
gate sills were constructed (fig. 7). Piezometers were provided to measure the head in the rectangular tunnels immediately upstream from the gates. The operating gates, which will be referred to as gates 2, 4, 6, and 8 numbered from left to right looking downstream, were constructed of brass to simulate the 5-foot by 5-foot slide gates of the prototype (fig. 8).

The transition from the gates was constructed in two parts (fig. 8). The upstream portion consisted of four metal tunnels with 3/4-inch radius leathor fillets; the downstream portion was formed in a split mold with plaster of paris poured around two wooden cores. The mold was contained in a sheet-metal box to which were bolted the adjoining parts. Two metal horse-shoe tunnels (fig. 7) were constructed with removable tops to permit observation of the flow. These extended from the transition to the stilling pool box.

The stilling pool box was 5 feet wide by 12 feet, 8 1/2 inches long and 1 foot, 9 1/2 inches deep, and was supported on a wooden framework. The box was lined with 24-gage galvanized sheet metal. As originally designed, the stilling pool (fig. 7) was constructed of wood supported on 2- by 4-inch joists. The tailwater was controlled with a hinged gate at the downstream end of the stilling box. The tailwater elevation was observed in a manometer mounted on the side of the tank. The water passed over this hinged tailwater gate into a return flume. The discharge was measured over a 90-degree V-notch weir located between the return flume and the pump sump.

The head on the weir was measured with two hook gages located in stilling wells, and the elevation of the water in the head tank was observed in a manometer mounted on the side of the tank. The water surface and erosion in the pool were measured with a point gage mounted on rails parallel to the model.

The hydraulic humps were constructed of 24-gage galvanized sheet metal placed over redwood frames, and the sills were made of sugar pine boiled in linseed oil. Sand was used to represent the excavated river bed in the erosion studies.

6. Slope correction of model. Due to the inability to transfer the value of Kutter's "N" on the prototype to a dynamically similar value on the model, it was necessary to increase the slope in the model to correct for the dissimilarity. Assuming the gates to be the control section, since above this point the water is under pressure, the hydraulic losses in the prototype were computed as follows:

(1) The computed prototype loss in the transition = 1.75
feet.

(2) The computed prototype energy gradient = 0.0374.

(3) The length of tunnel = 215.30 feet.

(4) Head loss in tunnel equals 0.0374 x 215.30 = 8.06 feet, and the total loss is 8.06 + 1.75 = 9.81.

(5) By similarity, \[
\frac{\text{Slope (model)}}{\text{Slope (prototype)}} = \left(\frac{N_{\text{model}}}{N_{\text{prototype}}}\right)^{1/3} \text{(Scale ratio)}
\]

Using an N of 0.010 for the model and an N of 0.013 for the prototype, the ratio of slopes is \( Sm = \frac{(0.010)^2 (30)^{1/3}}{0.013} = 1.84 \).

(6) The increase in friction slope = (1.84 - 1.00) = 0.84, and the excess head loss is 9.81 x 0.84 = 8.24 feet.

(7) The prototype difference in elevation between the gate sill and the tunnel outlet = 10.67 feet, and the necessary drop in the model = (10.67+8.24)0.4 = 7.564 inches.

The model of the tunnel was sloped to produce a drop from the gate sill to the tunnel outlets of 7.564 inches. Since the operation of the portion of the model upstream from the gate section was independent of the slope, all of the model was placed on the same slope as the downstream portion to facilitate construction.

**Discharge Conditions Through Control Gate Section**

7. Calibration of gates. The model was initially assembled down to and including the gate section (fig. 7 and plate LA). The control gates will be referred to as gates 2, 4, 6, and 8 numbered from left to right looking downstream. A small V-notch weir, placed downstream from the gate section, was used to measure the discharge through each gate. Each gate was calibrated separately with full, three-quarter, one-half, and one-quarter gate openings (plate 1-A, -B, -C, and -D). The calibration curve (fig. 9) shows the discharge for any gate operating alone, and for all gates operating uniformly.

**Hydraulic Action in Upstream Portion of Outlet Gate Transition**

8. Flow conditions. The upstream portion of the outlet gate transition (figs. 7 and 8) was added to the gate section, and
FLOW THROUGH CONTROL GATE SECTION

A. GATES FULL OPEN

B. GATES THREE-FOURTHS OPEN

C. GATES ONE-HALF OPEN

D. GATES ONE-FOURTH OPEN

E. GATES FULL OPEN
   ALL TUNNELS FULL

F. GATES THREE-FOURTHS OPEN
   LEFT TUNNEL FULL
   RIGHT TUNNEL FREE

G. GATES ONE-HALF OPEN
   LEFT TUNNEL FREE
   RIGHT TUNNEL FULL

H. GATES ONE-FOURTH OPEN
   ALL TUNNELS FREE

I. AIR VENTS OPEN

J. AIR VENTS CLOSED

FLOW THROUGH UPSTREAM PORTION OF OUTLET GATE TRANSITION

FLOW THROUGH GATES AND TRANSITION
Figure 9

GATES 1/4 OPEN  
DISCHARGE 978 SECOND-FEET (PROTOTYPE)

GATES 1/2 OPEN  
DISCHARGE 928 SECOND-FEET (PROTOTYPE)

HORIZONTAL DISTANCE FROM CENTER-LINE, FEET (PROTOTYPE)

GATES 1/4 OPEN  
DISCHARGE 2330 SECOND-FEET (PROTOTYPE)

WATER SURFACE AT DOWNSTREAM END OF PIERS - STA. 3 + 92.0

DISCHARGE FROM SINGLE GATE IN SECOND-FEET (PROTOTYPE)

PERCENT GATE OPENING

TOTAL DISCHARGE FROM ALL GATES IN SECOND-FEET (PROTOTYPE)

MODEL SCALE IN INCHES

DISCHARGE FOR GATE OPENINGS

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the hydraulic action was observed for different gate openings. As the gate opening was increased, the transition tunnels flowed free until a gate opening of 97 percent was reached. At this point the tunnels flowed full. Figure 9 shows the water surfaces at the downstream end of this portion of the transition for three different gate openings and for the tunnels flowing free. As the gates were closed, the tunnels flowed full until an opening of 36 percent was reached, after which the tunnels flowed free. Plate 1-E, -F, -G, and -H, shows the flow in the tunnels for different conditions of discharge and gate openings.

9. Effect of air vents. Air vents were placed immediately downstream from the gate section to aerate each transition tunnel. The use of several sleeves of telescope tubing provided a convenient method of varying the size of the air vent. It was found that a tube with an inside diameter of 3/16-inch was the smallest air vent that would allow the water in the tunnels to flow free with gates fully open. Plate 1-I and -J shows the effects of the air vents on the flow characteristics.

Hydraulic Action in Downstream Portion of Outlet Gate Transition

10. Flow conditions. The downstream portion of the transition (figs. 7 and 8) was added, and the top of the transition was removed to facilitate observation of the flow. The flow from the two center gate tunnels produced satisfactory flow conditions in the transition tunnels, but the flow from the two outside gate tunnels gave adverse flow conditions. Plate 2-A, -B, -C, and -D shows the flow conditions with all gates open an equal amount. Plate 2-E, -F, -G, and -H shows the flow with one side gate (gate 2) and one center gate (gate 6) set equally at various openings, the remaining two gates being closed.

The adverse flow could have been eliminated by increasing the length of the transition which would have allowed the water to change direction less abruptly. Because of the increased cost of such a change, however, it was considered preferable to establish a gate-operating schedule. As it will not be necessary to discharge 4,000 second-feet continuously, it is, therefore, recommended that the two inside gates (4 and 6) be operated for normal discharges and that the two outside gates (2 and 8) be operated only when additional capacity is needed.

Original Design of Still Pool

11. Hydraulic action in tunnels and stilling pool. The model of the original stilling pool design (figs. 7 and 10, and plate 3) exhibited three unfavorable flow characteristics.
A. GATES ONE-FOURTH OPEN

B. GATES ONE-HALF OPEN

C. GATES THREE-FOURTHS OPEN

D. GATES FULL OPEN

ALL GATES OPEN EQUAL AMOUNTS

GATES 2 AND 6 ONLY OPERATED

FLOW THROUGH DOWNSTREAM PORTION OF OUTLET GATE TRANSITION
DETAILS OF ORIGINAL DESIGN AND HYDRAULIC HUMPS

Humps were made of 26-gage galvanized iron over redwood frames. Floor is supported on 2"x4" stringers.

WATER SURFACE IN STILLING POOL

TAILWATER RATING CURVE
PLATE 3

A. NO FLOW

B. DISCHARGE 4000 SECOND-FOOT - NORMAL TAILWATER

ORIGIONAL DESIGN OF STILLING POOL
(1) The hydraulic jump formed inside the tunnels at maximum discharge when the tailwater (fig. 10) was five feet above normal (plate 4-A). This would be the tailwater condition for maximum discharge over the spillway. The forming of the jump in the tunnels caused them to flow full, and due to the increase in friction, the tunnels continued to flow full even after the tailwater was decreased. Aeration of the horseshoe tunnels did not remove this unfavorable characteristic.

(2) For maximum discharge with normal tailwater, the jump formed at the downstream end of the splitter pier (plate 3-B). Plate 4-C shows the flow in the pool with no tailwater. Figure 10 shows the water surface profile in the stilling pool for maximum discharge and normal tailwater elevation.

(3) When the flow from the two tunnels was unbalanced, adverse flow conditions were produced in the stilling pool. This caused the hydraulic jump to form in the tunnel carrying the small discharge. Plate 4-B shows a discharge of 2,000 second-feet through the left tunnel. Different types of baffle piers failed to decrease the helical flow in the pool.

To eliminate the unfavorable flow conditions it was necessary to resort to other means of expanding the jets and of forcing the jump to form downstream from the tunnel outlets.

Study of Hydraulic Humps*

12. Action of hydraulic humps. Hydraulic humps of various designs (fig. 10) were studied as a means of spreading the jet from the tunnels and of forcing the jump to form downstream from the tunnels for all combinations of gate opening and discharge with the tailwater 5 feet above normal. Humps 1 and 2 spread the jet satisfactorily and held the jump downstream from the tunnel outlets. The pool however was very rough.

A high fin occurred along the center line of the pool and along each wall with hump 3, but the water surface in the pool (fig. 11) was quiet and the hydraulic jump was well formed and well placed. The hydraulic jump for hump 4 was too far upstream and fluctuated considerably, entailing a very rough water surface in the pool (fig. 11). Hump 5 improved the flow in the pool (fig. 11), but the hydraulic jump formed too far upstream for stability.

13. Action with raised stilling pool floor. Studies were made with hump 5 and the stilling pool floor raised 2 inches

*The first use of the device hereinafter termed the "Hydraulic Hump" appears to be that described in "Hydraulic Model Studies for the Wills Creek Dam" by George E. Barnes, Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Dec., 1934. The same device was subsequently used by Mr. Barnes on at least eight other dam models.
A. DISCHARGE 6000 SECOND-FOOT
TAILWATER 5 FEET ABOVE NORMAL

B. DISCHARGE 3000 SECOND-FOOT
GATES 4, 6 AND 8 OPEN
NORMAL TAILWATER ELEVATION

C. DISCHARGE 4000 SECOND-FOOT - NO TAILWATER

FLOW CHARACTERISTICS - ORIGINAL DESIGN
Horizontal Distance from Center-Line of Pool, Feet (Prototype)

HUMP 3

HUMP 4

HUMP 5

Water Surface

Model Scale in Inches

Prototype Scale in Feet

WATER SURFACE OVER HUMPS 3, 4 AND 5

All cross-sections are looking downstream.
in the model (5 feet in prototype). The pool was rough with the flow concentrated in the center. Return flow occurred along both sides (fig. 11). At certain discharges and gate combinations, undesirable helical flow occurred in the pool. Hump 6, the semifinal design evolved from the foregoing studies (fig. 10), proved satisfactory.

**Determination of Stilling Pool Dimensions**

14. **Width of stilling pool and divergence of side walls.**

Hump 6 as originally constructed was 30 inches wide in the model (fig. 10 and plate 5-A). With a discharge of 4,000 second-foot (plate 5-B) the jet at the top of the hump spread to about six inches on either side of the center line and continued this width throughout the length of the pool. Pieces of sheet metal placed on either side of the jet proved convenient for determining the correct angle of flare for the side walls. Plate 5-C and figure 12 show the semifinal design with the corrected side-wall flare.

15. **Length of stilling pool.**

Studies for determining the proper length of stilling pool and position of the sill were made on the semifinal design using the flaring sidewalls, hump 6, a dentated step, and various Rehbock sills (fig. 12). The dentated step was placed at the downstream end of the hump, and the distance from the dentated step to the sill was then varied. Plates 6 and 7 show the character of the flow and the scour produced by three different lengths of pool. Figure 13 shows the water surface profiles and scour for four different lengths of pool. It was found that the pool could be shortened without detrimental effect, and this revision was incorporated in the semifinal design. The behavior of this revised design was satisfactory.

**Style of Sill and Revetment**

16. **Dentated step and Rehbock sill.**

Different designs of Rehbock sill were tested in combination with a dentated step (fig. 12). Sill G produced satisfactory flow conditions and this pool layout was then used to study schemes for the design of the revetment.

17. **Revetment.**

With sill G and pool 4, different revetment plans (fig. 14) were studied, to determine the extent of riprap necessary to insure stability of the stilling pool structure. Revetment scheme 3 which was constructed of sand (plate 8-A and -B) shows the need of riprap for protection against erosion. Revetment scheme 5 (plate 8-C and -D) was of the same type as 3 except that the river bed was riprapped. Plate 9 shows the erosion and water surfaces with revetment schemes 4 and 8. Figure 15 shows the water surface and erosion of river bed for revetment schemes 3, 4, 5, and 8.

18. **Semifinal design.**

Sill N, a modification of sill
A. NO FLOW

B. DISCHARGE 4000 SECOND-FEET
   NO TAILWATER

C. SEMI-FINAL DESIGN OF
   SIDE WALLS

HUMP 6

DETERMINATION OF STILLING POOL DIMENSIONS
A. FLOW IN POOL

B. DISCHARGE 4000 GALLON-FEET

C. EROSION OF RIVER BED AFTER ONE HOUR RUN

D. POOL 2 - STILL C

C. FLOW IN POOL

D. DISCHARGE 4000 GALLON-FEET

E. EROSION OF RIVER BED AFTER ONE HOUR RUN

F. POOL 3 - STILL D

FLOW AND EROSION OF RIVER BED - POOLS 2 AND 3
A. FLOW AT DOWNSKILL END OF POOL

B. FLOW IN POOL

DISCHARGE 6000 SECONDS FEM - NORMAL TAILWATER

D. RIVER BED BEFORE RUN

B. EROSION OF RIVER BED AFTER ONE HOUR RUN

SILL F - REVERSE SCHEME 2

FLOW AND EROSION OF RIVER BED - POOL 4
Figure 12

Test 10-BL-B
Discharge 4,000 sec. ft. tailwater elev. sills B

Test 10-BL-C
Discharge 4,000 sec. ft. tailwater elev. sills C

Test 10-BL-D
Discharge 4,000 sec. ft. tailwater elev. sills D

Test 11-BL-1
Discharge 4,000 sec. ft. tailwater elev. sills F

Section on center-line of pool for pools 1, 2, 3, and 4

Model scale in inches

Prototype scale in feet

WATER SURFACE PROFILE AND EROSION
OF RIVER BED FOR POOLS 1, 2, 3, AND 4

NOTE
Sections are looking downstream.
Erosion of river bed after one hour (Model).
All dimensions and elevations are prototype. Sand downstream from end of riprap is level of elevation 5735.0. All sections are along center-line of pool.
Pool 4 - Sill C

Erosion of River Bed - Revetment Schemes 3 and 5
A. RIVER BED BEFORE RUN

B. EROSION OF RIVER BED AFTER ONE HOUR RUN
   DISCHARGE 6000 SECOND-FEET

C. RIVER BED BEFORE RUN

D. EROSION OF RIVER BED AFTER ONE HOUR RUN
   DISCHARGE 6000 SECOND-FEET

POOL 4 - SILL G

EROSSION OF RIVER BED - REVENT M SCHEDES 4 AND 8
WATER SURFACE AND EROSION OF RIVER BED FOR REVETMENT SCHEMES No. 3, 4, 5, AND 8

NOTE
Sections are looking downstream. Erosion of river bed after one hour run (Model).

MODEL SCALE IN INCHES

[Scale representation]

WATER SURFACE AND EROSION OF RIVER BED FOR REVETMENT SCHEMES No. 3, 4, 5, AND 8
G, and revetment scheme 10 (plate 10-A) were tested for various gate combinations to determine the final action in the pool. Figure 16 and plate 10-B show the erosion and water surface for maximum discharge and normal tailwater elevation. When the tailwater was 5 feet (prototype) above normal (fig. 16) no erosion of the river bed occurred. With an unbalanced flow of 3,000 second-feet (fig. 16 and plate 10-C) very little erosion occurred and the flow conditions in the pool were satisfactory. With a balanced flow of 2,000 second-feet (fig. 16), no scour occurred and flow conditions were satisfactory.

The semifinal design was used as the final design except for minor changes in the revetment and slope of the hump. Since these changes were made for construction reasons only and could produce no adverse hydraulic action in the model, they were not tested.

19. Recommended design. The results outlined in the foregoing paragraphs may be briefly recapitulated to indicate precisely the finally recommended design of the outlet works stilling pool. The pool itself, hump 6, proper side walls, and sill N in its adopted position are shown in figure 14 as Pool 4. Revetment scheme 10 is shown in figure 14, and plate 10 is a photograph of the whole as finally tested.

CHAPTER III - TESTS ON SPILLWAY MODEL

Spillway Model

20. Construction of model. A model of the Bull Lake spillway consisting of a head tank, intake section, gate section, chute, pool and sand box was constructed on a scale of 1:30 (fig. 17) in the Colorado State College Hydraulic Laboratory at Fort Collins, Colorado. The head tank was built of wood and lined with light sheet metal. The warped walls of the intake section were made of concrete. The piers and gate section walls were constructed of redwood, the gates and crest of 20-gage galvanized sheet iron. The chute and pool were made of wood, and lined with 27-gage galvanized iron. A large wooden box lined with light sheet metal was filled with sand to represent the river bed downstream from the pool. An adjustable weir on the end of the sand box was used to regulate the tailwater.

The reservoir elevation was measured with a hook gage in a stilling well attached by hose to a piezometer opening in the head tank. A float gage was used to record the tailwater elevation.
A. RIVER BED BEFORE DUE

B. RIVER BED AFTER ONE HOUR DUE
DISCHARGE 6000 CUBIC-FOOT PER SECOND
TAILWATER ELEVATION 8760.8

C. RIVER BED AFTER ONE HOUR DUE
DISCHARGE 6000 CUBIC-FOOT PER SECOND
TAILWATER ELEVATION 8760.8

POOL 4 - BILL II - EROSION SCHEME 10

EROSION OF RIVER BED - SEMI-FINAL DESIGN
Water was supplied to the model by gravity from a 30,000 cubic-foot reservoir. Flow from the reservoir into a weir box 13.5 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 7 feet deep, was regulated by hand-operated gates. The quantity of water was measured over a volumetrically calibrated 2-foot Cipolletti weir, and was then conducted to the model through a 2-foot concrete conduit. After it had passed through the model, the water was returned to the reservoir through a pump whose maximum capacity is rated at about eight second-feet.

21. Approach transition and gate section. The flow from the reservoir through the approach transition and through the gate section was very satisfactory and no attempt was made to change the original design.

The pressure distribution (fig. 18) on the crest was measured both with and without the gates in operation. Slight negative pressures were noted for discharges of 2,500 and 5,000 second-feet with the reservoir water surface at elevation 5805.0 and with the gates in operation. Free flow over the crest gave positive pressures for all discharges. Water surface profiles (fig. 18) on the center line of the middle gate were also taken for various discharges.

Discharge coefficients (fig. 18) were obtained for free flow as well as for various gate openings, and a discharge diagram was prepared (fig. 18). This diagram shows both the free flow and flow for different gate openings and reservoir elevations. All three gates were operated uniformly.

22. The chute. The section was connected to the stilling pool through a chute with parallel sides. The joining of the flows from adjacent gates downstream from the thick piers (fig. 17) caused transverse waves in the chute (fig. 19). The effects of these waves continue into the stilling pool. Numerous designs of the downstream ends of the piers were tested in an attempt to eliminate these waves. Some improvement was noted for a few of the designs (figs. 20 and 21), but it was not considered sufficient to justify the added expense of pier construction. The water surface across the chute at various stations was measured with the original piers in place (fig. 19), and a reasonably uniform cross section was noted at station 4+25.0, where the jet entered the pool. Velocity measurements were taken for a discharge of 10,000 second-feet at station 4+25.0 with no slope correction applied to the chute floor. The measured mean velocity, found to be 59.4 feet per second (fig. 22) checked the calculated mean velocity of 59.2 feet per second at the same section. For this reason the tests on the stilling pool were made with no slope correction.
FIGURE 18

EXPLANATION

- Pressures for discharge of 10,000 second feet.
- Pressures for discharge of 7,500 second feet.
- Pressures for discharge of 5,000 second feet.
- Pressures for discharge of 2,500 second feet.

WATER SURFACES AND PRESSURES OVER CREST

SPILLWAY DISCHARGE CURVES

NOTE

These curves are for equal gate operation.

DISCHARGE COEFFICIENTS OF RADIAL GATES

0.6
0.6
0.7
0.7
0.8
0.8

C in discharge formula: \( Q = CLH^2 \)

K in discharge formula: \( Q = KL\sqrt{H} \times \frac{(1+H)}{H} \)
FIGURE 19

EXPLANATION
SYMBOL PROTOTYPE DISCHARGE

WATER SURFACE PROFILES
ORIGINAL PIERS

STATION 4 + 75

36-D-517
WATER SURFACE PROFILES - COMPARISON OF TAILPIECE DESIGNS USED ON ORIGINAL PIERS

NOTES
Discharge is 10,000 second-feet.
For stationing see Figure 17.
WATER SURFACE PROFILES - COMPARISON OF TAILPIECE DESIGNS USED ON STRAIGHT-SIDED PIERS

NOTES
Discharge 10,000 second feet
For stationing see Figure 17.
All tailpieces are higher than maximum water surface.
VERTICAL VELOCITY CURVES

CURVES OF EQUAL VELOCITY

CHECK OF VELOCITY DISTRIBUTION
AT STA. 4 + 25

Discharge \(= \sum \text{(Area } \times \text{average velocity over that area)} = 10,292 \text{ sec. ft.}

\[
\text{Area} = 173.2 \text{ sq. ft.} \quad \text{Depth} = \frac{0.75}{976} = 1.73 \text{ ft.}
\[
\text{Average velocity} = \frac{\text{discharge}}{\text{area}} = 59.43 \text{ ft. per sec.}
\]

VELOCITY SCALE = FT. PER SEC.
23. The stilling pool - Original design. The original pool with the floor at elevation 5725.0 and its down-stream end at station 5+00.0 was more than adequate for a discharge of 10,000 second-feet. A satisfactory jump formed in the pool without the use of a step or sill on the apron.

Four tests were made using sand downstream from the apron to study the effectiveness of the symmetrical sill, dentated step, and solid step (fig. 23) in preventing erosion of the stream bed. The results of these tests (fig. 23 and plate 11) showed that the symmetrical sill was very effective in preventing erosion of the river bed, and that neither the dentated step nor the solid step aided in scour prevention downstream from the apron. The tops of the brass rods in the pictures indicate the original sand bed. The steps were effective in holding the jump in the pool at tailwater elevations much lower than normal. As the foregoing test indicated ample tailwater depth as well as more than sufficient pool length, the apron was raised and the pool shortened.

24. Recommended design. The pool floor was raised two feet from elevation 5725.0 to elevation 5727.0 and the structure was shortened 18 feet, from station 5+00.0 to 4+82.0. A tentative recommended design had a dentated step at station 4+25.0 and an unsymmetrical sill (fig. 23) placed with its downstream edge at station 4+81.25. The step was used to keep the jump within the pool at abnormally shallow tailwaters and the unsymmetrical sill was used because it simplified the expansion-joint spacing. Test 16 on this arrangement was comparable to the erosion tests on the original pool, and the scour downstream from the apron was not serious (fig. 23).

In the final recommended design, the dentated step was omitted because it was found that a 50-foot strip of riprap downstream from the apron was equally effective in keeping the jump in the pool at abnormally low tailwater elevations. The unsymmetrical sill was also replaced by the symmetrical sill because the erosion was more severe downstream from the ends of the former.

This design was satisfactory for all discharges (plate 12). No scour occurred when 50 feet of three-foot riprap was placed downstream from the sill. The tailwater could be dropped 4½ feet below normal at a discharge of 10,000 second-feet without causing the jump to sweep off the apron (plate 12). Considerable splash was noted in the pool at the maximum design discharge. Small drops of water frequently attained a height of one foot (model) above the top of the stilling pool wall. Various
ALL PROFILES ARE ALONG CENTER-LINE OF SPILLWAY.

WATER SURFACE AND SAND BED PROFILES

SYMMETRICAL SILL - TESTS 12, 14, AND 15-BL-1

UNSMMETRICAL SILL - TEST 16-BL-1

SOLID STEP - TEST 14-BL-1

TOOTHED STEP - TESTS 15 AND 16-BL-1

NOTE

WATER SURFACE FOR DISCHARGE OF 10,000 SECOND- FEET

SAND BED BEFORE RUN

SAND BED AFTER ONE HOUR RUN

STATION

TESTS

16-BL-1

15-BL-1

14-BL-1

12-BL-1

36-D-521
EROSION OF ORIGINAL POOL AFTER 1-HOUR RUN
DISCHARGE 10,000 SECOND- FEET.
Gate combinations failed to disclose any dangerous flow conditions in the pools, and only the worst conditions are shown on plate 13. Plate 14 shows the recommended design.
WORST CONDITIONS FOR UNEQUAL GATE OPERATION