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Statistical Release No. 1653. The SEC Index of Stock Prices, based on the closing price of 265 common stocks for the week ended January 8, 1960, for the composite and by major industry groups compared with the preceding week and with the highs and lows for 1959 - 1960, is as follows:

	1939 = 100		Percent Change	1959 - 1960	
	1/8/60	12/31/59		High	Low
Composite	432.5	435.2	-0.6	441.3	400.1
Manufacturing	538.9	545.0	-1.1	554.2	490.7
Durable Goods	521.6	524.3	-0.5	527.7	457.8
Non-Durable Goods	544.4	553.5	-1.6	570.1	510.5
Transportation	329.3	329.5	-0.1	371.6	318.7
Utility	220.4	217.6	+1.3	231.8	207.1
Trade, Finance & Service	446.5	447.3	-0.2	447.3	382.7
Mining	299.7	303.2	-1.2	360.4	283.8

PANTASOTE PROPOSES OFFERING. The Pantasote Company, 26 Jefferson St., Passaic, N. J., filed a registration statement (File 2-16012) with the SEC on January 8, 1960, seeking registration of 350,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Bear, Stearns & Co. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. The company also has agreed to sell the Bear, Stearns firm, at 10¢ for each share covered, five-year options covering an aggregate of 25,000 common shares which will be exercisable at the said offering price.

The company is engaged in the manufacture of polyvinyl resins, compounds and films, including a semi-rigid film for the manufacture of packaging trays marketed under the tradename of Panta-Pak. It has outstanding 593,823 common shares in addition to certain indebtedness. Of the net proceeds of the sale of additional stock, the company will use about \$1,700,000 to build and equip a new polyvinyl resin plant with facilities which it is estimated upon completion will triple the company's present capacity for producing resin; \$50,000 as starting up expenses of the new plant; \$150,000 for plant rearrangements and miscellaneous equipment to improve and centralize inventory storage and to furnish additional boiler capacity and stand-by power facilities; and the balance for additional working capital. The new plant is to be constructed by Scientific Design Company, Inc.

LOUISIANA GAS SERVICE BOND OFFERING CLEARED. The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-14135) authorizing Louisiana Gas Service Company, Harvey, La., to issue and sell at competitive bidding \$7,500,000 of First Mortgage Bonds, due January 1, 1985. Net proceeds of the bond sale are to be used to pay outstanding notes held by Louisiana Power & Light Company (parent) in the amount of \$6,000,000, the cost of construction of additional facilities, and for other corporate purposes.

MIDDLE SOUTH UTILITIES STOCK SPLIT APPROVED. The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-14136) authorizing Middle South Utilities, Inc., New York holding company, to effect a two-for-one split in its common stock in the form of a stock dividend, increasing from 8,050,000 to 16,100,000 the number of shares of its \$10 par value common stock outstanding.

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EASTERN SHORE P. S. OF VA. TO EXTEND FINANCING ARRANGEMENT. Eastern Shore Public Service Company of Virginia has joined with its parent, Delaware Power & Light Company, in the filing of an application with the SEC for an order extending through 1960 the time within which it may sell additional notes and stock to the parent; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-14137) giving interested persons until January 27, 1960, to request a hearing thereon. In a February 1958 order the Commission authorized Eastern to issue and sell to its parent up to \$500,000 of notes, and 5,000 shares of \$100 par stock for construction and other purposes. None of such notes and shares has been issued due to the fact that Eastern's construction program has not progressed as rapidly as was anticipated; and the companies have requested additional time within which to effect such sale.

EASTERN SHORE P. S. OF MD. TO EXTEND FINANCING ARRANGEMENT. Eastern Shore Public Service Company of Maryland has joined with its parent, Delaware Power & Light Company, in the filing of an application with the SEC for an order extending through 1960 the time within which it may complete the sale of notes and stock to the parent; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-14138) giving interested persons until January 27, 1960, to request a hearing thereon. In a February 1958 order the Commission authorized Eastern Shore to issue and sell to its parent up to \$2,000,000 of notes and 20,000 shares of \$100 par stock for construction and other purposes. Up to October 31, 1959, \$1,000,000 of notes and 10,000 shares of stock had been sold; and the companies have requested additional time within which to complete the sale.

INDICTMENT NAMES TWO IN COLUMBIA GENERAL CASE. The SEC Fort Worth Regional Office announced the indictment at Houston on January 6, 1960, of Thomas E. Hand, Jr., and J. Ed Eisemann, III, on charges of fraud in the sale of stock of Columbia General Life Insurance Company and Columbia General Investment Corporation. (Lit. Release No. 1555)

PHOENIX SECURITIES HEARING POSTPONED. The SEC has authorized postponement, until further order of the Commission, of the hearing scheduled for January 11, 1960, in its New York Regional Office on the question whether the broker-dealer registration of Phoenix Securities Corp. of New York should be revoked. Respondent has entered into a stipulation consenting to suspension of registration pending final determination by the Commission on the question of revocation.

MURPHY CORP. FILES FOR EXCHANGE OFFER. Murphy Corporation, El Dorado, Ark., today filed a registration statement (File 2-16013) with the SEC seeking registration of 95,800 shares of common stock. Murphy proposes to offer its common shares in exchange for Amurex Oil Company stock on the basis of one share of Murphy common for eight shares of Amurex Class A common and one share of Murphy common for eighty shares of Amurex Class B common. Of the Murphy stock being registered, 93,925 will be offered in exchange for 751,400 shares of Amurex Class A and 1,875 in exchange for 150,000 shares of Amurex Class B stock. The offer is conditional upon its acceptance by holders of at least an aggregate of 571,400 shares of Class A and Class B shares of Amurex. This number of shares when added to the 648,600 Class A shares and 100,000 Class B shares of Amurex now owned by Murphy would constitute Murphy the owner of Amurex stock possessing at least 80% of the total combined voting power of all classes of Amurex stock entitled to vote. Murphy's present voting power is about 46% and it wishes to increase same to at least 80%. A. G. Becker & Co., Inc., has entered into an agreement with Murphy to form and manage a group of dealers to solicit acceptances of the exchange offer.

CLINTON ENGINES FILES FOR OFFERING AND SECONDARY. Clinton Engines Corporation, 250 Park Ave., New York, today filed a registration statement (File 2-16014) seeking registration of 350,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Bear, Stearns & Co. and H. M. Byllesby and Co., Inc. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The registration statement also includes 25,000 additional shares under five-year option to the managing underwriters, which options were acquired at 10¢ per optioned share and are exercisable at the public offering price, together with an additional 86,000 outstanding shares which may be sold from time to time in the future by the present holders thereof.

Clinton is primarily engaged in the manufacture and sale of small general purpose air-cooled gasoline engines; and it also manufactures and sells chain saws and air-cooled outboard motors. It has outstanding 973,990 common shares and certain indebtedness. Net proceeds of the sale of additional stock will be applied to the reduction or retirement in full of indebtedness aggregating

\$3,260,000 and owing to Walter E. Heller & Company. If such proceeds are not sufficient to effect such retirement in full, a bank has agreed to extend a short-term loan up to the amount of \$500,000 to enable the company to effect such retirement. Any excess of proceeds over the amount required for such retirement will be used for general corporate purposes.

The prospectus lists eight selling stockholders, none of whom is an officer or director of the company.

ADDITIONAL MASS. INVESTORS SHARES IN REGISTRATION. Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund, Inc., Boston investment company, filed an amendment January 8, 1960, to its registration statement (File 2-14677) seeking registration of an additional 7,000,000 shares of stock.

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