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The SEC Index of Stock Prices, based on the closing prices of 265 common stocks for the week ended July 24, 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	
	<u>7/24/59</u>	<u>7/17/59</u>		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Composite	433.1	429.7	+0.8	436.0	400.1
Manufacturing	540.9	536.0	+0.9	544.3	490.7
Durable Goods	522.7	516.1	+1.3	527.7	457.8
Non-Durable Goods	547.1	543.9	+0.6	550.2	510.5
Transportation	359.6	360.5	-0.2	371.5	340.7
Utility	218.3	216.7	+0.7	231.8	208.6
Trade, Finance & Service	427.9	427.3	+0.1	433.0	382.7
Mining	316.2	315.5	+0.2	360.4	315.5

SEC DISMISSES ACTION AGAINST JOHN MUNROE

The SEC today announced the issuance of a decision (Release 34-6026) dismissing proceedings on the question of revoking the broker-dealer registration of John Munroe, 36 Wall Street, New York, for failure to file the required report of financial condition for 1957.

The failure to file was admitted. However, certain extenuating circumstances were urged by Munroe who filed a satisfactory report of financial condition for 1958 during the pendency of these proceedings. Among these was the fact that, when notified of the filing requirement Munroe immediately communicated with his accountant to give him some financial information, requested him to file the necessary report, and assumed the matter had been taken care of; that he was then under certain "stress and strain" and unable to give full time and attention to his business; and that, while he had effected some transactions in municipal bonds since September 1957, Munroe had not carried on any other business as a broker or dealer.

In view thereof and Munroe's present understanding of his responsibility to comply in the future with the reporting requirement, the Commission concluded that revocation of his broker-dealer registration was not necessary in the public interest.

McKESSON & ROBBINS FILES EMPLOYEE STOCK PLAN

McKesson & Robbins, Inc., 155 East 44th St., New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-15389) with the SEC on July 24, 1959, seeking registration of \$3,000,000 of Participations in its Employees' Stock Purchase Plan, together with 75,000 shares of common stock which may be purchased pursuant thereto.

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PENNSYLVANIA POWER BOND FINANCING CLEARED

The SEC has issued an order (Release 35-14041) authorizing Pennsylvania Electric Company, Johnstown, Pa., to issue and sell at competitive bidding \$15,000,000 of First Mortgage Bonds, due August 1, 1989. Of the net proceeds, \$9,000,000 will be applied to repay short-term bank loans (the proceeds of which were used for construction) and \$6,000,000 will be applied to the company's 1959 construction program or to partially reimburse its treasury for previous expenditures for that purpose.

FINANCING BY COLUMBIA GAS SUBSIDIARIES APPROVED

The SEC has issued an order (Release 35-14042) authorizing The Columbia Gas System, Inc., New York holding company, to acquire an additional 26,000 shares of the \$50 par common stock of The Manufacturers Light and Heat Company and \$13,800,000 of its Installment Promissory Notes, for an aggregate consideration of \$15,100,000; and \$1,125,000 of Installment Promissory Notes of Cumberland and Alleghany Gas Company. The financing is for construction purposes of the two subsidiaries.

AIR PRODUCTS PROPOSES STOCK OFFERING

Air Products, Inc., Allentown, Pa., filed a registration statement (File 2-15391) with the SEC on July 24, 1959, seeking registration of 115,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale by an underwriting group headed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Reynolds & Co., Inc., and Drexel & Co. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is engaged in the development, manufacture and operation of equipment to separate air by low-temperature processes into its major constituent gases, and in various industrial applications of low-temperature processes primarily in the field of gas liquefaction and separation. It now has outstanding 1,249,960 common shares in addition to certain indebtedness. Net proceeds of the additional stock sale will be added to its general funds. The company expects that capital additions and improvements presently authorized or contemplated, for such purposes as the expansion of its industrial and medical gas operations, the construction of additional gas producing plants, and the expansion of its research and development facilities, will require it to expend approximately \$8,500,000 of its own funds by December 31, 1960, in addition to the amounts, presently estimated at not to exceed \$25,000,000, which it expects to borrow through the issuance of additional notes to finance in part the construction of such additional gas producing plants. Proceeds of the stock sale, together with other corporate funds, will be used for the foregoing and other corporate purposes.

UNION BAG-CAMP PAPER FILES FOR SECONDARY

Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation, 233 Broadway, New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-15390) with the SEC on July 24, 1959, seeking registration of 327,042 outstanding shares of capital stock. The shares are owned by The Louis Calder Foundation, and are to be offered for public sale through Blyth & Co., Inc., and Cyrus J. Lawrence & Sons. The initial offering price will be related to the market price then current; and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

According to the prospectus, the Foundation is a trust exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes. It was created by Louis Calder, and acquired the shares through a gift to it by Louis Calder of all the stock of a corporation which owned the shares and through the subsequent liquidation of that corporation. They constitute 4.4% of the outstanding shares of the company and all the shares owned by the Foundation. Louis Calder and two others serve as trustees of the Foundation, including Louis Calder, Jr., a company director.

COLONIAL FUND FILES FOR OFFERING

The Colonial Fund, Inc., 75 Federal Street, Boston, an investment company, today filed a registration statement (File 2-15392) with the SEC seeking registration of 1,000,000 shares of its common stock.

KERR INCOME FUND FILES FOR ADDITIONAL SHARES

Kerr Income Fund, Inc., Los Angeles investment company, filed an amendment on July 24, 1959, to its registration statement (File 2-12685) seeking registration of 200,000 shares of capital stock.

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ROLD GOLD FOODS SEEKS INDENTURE QUALIFICATION

Rold Gold Foods, Inc., Nine West Tenth St., Kansas City, Mo., filed an application on July 24, 1959, under the Trust Indenture Act for qualification of a trust indenture pursuant to which \$1,227,175 of 5% Serial General Mortgage Bonds are to be issued. The company proposes to acquire all the assets of Rold Gold, Inc., a West Virginia Corporation, and its subsidiary, Rold Gold of California, Inc., a California corporation. The consideration for the transfer and sale of such assets will consist of cash, the assumption by the applicant of certain liabilities of the seller, and indenture securities in the amount of \$1,227,175. The seller will sell its assets and liquidate.

BROADWAY-HALE STORES PROPOSES DEBENTURE OFFERING

Broadway-Hale Stores, Inc., 401 South Broadway, Los Angeles, today filed a registration statement (File 2-15393) with the SEC seeking registration of \$10,000,000 of Subordinated Debentures, due August 1, 1979, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Blyth & Co., Inc. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

According to the prospectus, the company has embarked upon a three-year expansion program, involving construction of three new department stores and an addition to an existing store, which is expected to require an investment in land, buildings, fixtures, merchandise inventories and other working capital of about \$20,000,000. The net proceeds of the sale of the debentures will be added to the general funds of the company and will be used in the expansion program. Additional financing of such program in an amount not to exceed \$9,500,000 is available under present commitments for the sale and lease-back of such store properties after completion.

WAYNE MANUFACTURING FILES FOR SECONDARY

Wayne Manufacturing Co., 1201 East Lexington St., Pomona, Calif., today filed a registration statement (File 2-15394) with the SEC seeking registration of 90,000 outstanding shares of its capital stock, to be offered for public sale by the present holders thereof through Mitchum, Jones & Templeton and Schwabacher & Co. The offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The principal business of the company is the design, development, manufacture and sale of Wayne Motor Street Sweepers, Industrial Power Sweepers and truck-mounted Aircraft Runway Vacuum Sweepers. It has outstanding 55,555 shares of capital stock, which are to be split (on a five-for-one basis) into 277,775 shares before this stock offering, of which the four selling stockholders (Chas. M. Weinberg and members of his family) now own 240,125 shares.

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