

NASA Lets Contracts For Plum Brook Projects

Contracts totalling \$285,473 have been awarded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for two projects at the Plum Brook Station south of Sandusky.

Smallest contract was for \$29,573 to Acme Construction Co., Cleveland. The firm is to provide service, labor and material to construct railroad sidings to the nuclear rocket and dynamics facility, designated by NASA as the B-3 site.

The remaining \$255,900 of the two contracts was awarded to Potomac Metal Products Co., Hay-

attsville, Md. The company will furnish service, labor and material to fabricate and erect structural steel for the B-3 facility.

A. D. Johnson, director of Plum Brook, said caissons to support nuclear rocket and dynamics facility were sunk into the ground recently and concrete was being poured today to support future structural steel work and tower. The B-3 site is about a block away from the rocket altitude test stand known as B-1. When completed, the B-3 facility will be approximately 200 feet above ground.

Buy Building In Expansion

Universal Electric Inc., 156 Columbus Ave., has purchased the Vogel Building, corner of Hancock and Water Streets, for expansion of the corporation's electrical contracting, engineering and manufacturing services.

The sale, which became final yesterday, was announced by Paul Eishen, company vice president. Sale figures were not disclosed.

The Vogel building, presently vacant, was purchased from A. H. Vogel, Utah, through the real estate firm of Kelly and Disbrow.

According to Eishen the purchase was made to consolidate all the corporation's facilities in one building, thus providing better service to customers, to allow expanded office space and to provide additional space for increased manufacturing.

Universal Electric manufactures electrical and electronic equipment used by industries, commercial establishments, utilities, municipalities and has furnished a large amount of equipment to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

3 Contracts Given For NASA Facility

Three major contracts were awarded during June by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Lewis Research Center for construction projects at Plum Brook Station.

Valley Electric Company, Fremont, received a contract of \$112,755 for service, labor, equipment and material for installing and connecting a complete instrumentation system for the Nuclear Rocket Dynamics and Control Facility.

A \$190,450 contract also went to Valley Electric Company for service, labor and materials for the installation of the control, instrumentation and warning systems for the cryogenic propellant pressurization and dynamics test rig.

The third contract went to Acme Construction Company, Solon, for reactivation of existing railroad and construction of

new railroad spur tracts.

These contracts are part of more than \$31 million in major contracts awarded by NASA Lewis Research Center in support of its space research and development programs, during June.

Companies receiving these contracts are located in 21 states and Canada.

Coast Guard Tows Boat

A 16-foot outboard operated by Vito Karis, 1330 Lindsley St., was towed into the Sandusky Bay Light Rescue Station shortly afternoon yesterday with water apparently in its motor fuel. Coast Guard towed the boat to Battery Park, according to the Coast Guard report.