

## **BURGESS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

Burgess Construction Company was founded immediately after World War II when Lloyd A. Burgess received his discharge as Lieutenant-Commander from the U. S. Navy, "Sea Bees." Home for the fledgling company at that time was Astoria, Oregon.

Mr. Burgess realized the potential of the construction industry in Alaska and in 1951 he moved his business from Astoria to Fairbanks. From its first days on the Alaska construction scene, Burgess Construction Company played a vital role in many building projects.

The Company's initial efforts were aimed at the building construction business. However, as Burgess expanded its operations into the growing highway and airfield construction arena, the need for a new division to handle this work became apparent. In 1964 the Heavy Construction Division was organized.

Burgess Construction Company joined an elite group in 1967 when it was named one of the top 400 contractors in the United States. Burgess is the only Alaska-owned company to achieve this distinction.

Having guided his Company to success, Mr. Burgess decided to turn the leadership reins of the Company to a highly competent and experienced Burgess executive. In 1967 George R. MacClanahan assumed duties as President of Burgess Construction Company, while Mr. Burgess moved to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors. He also serves as President and Director of the parent company, Burgess International.

With the discovery of vast oil deposits on Alaska's North Slope, exploration and construction in that bleak area began in earnest. To better serve the oil interests operating on the North Slope, Burgess Construction Company formed a new division — Spruce Equipment Company. The growth of this newcomer to the Burgess Construction "family" has been phenomenal, and undoubtedly this growth will continue as the pace of oil development quickens.

In September 1969 Burgess Construction Company joined forces with Houston-Contracting Company, one of the nation's leading cross-country pipeline contractors, to concentrate on bidding for contracts related to the proposed construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System's 48-inch pipeline. The new Burgess-Houston Company combines the know-how of an experienced Alaska construction company with the expertise of a long-established pipeline builder.